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Annual Report



TOWN OF MENDON

Massachusetts

FOR THE YEAR 1969

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

303rd ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667

Population 2310, 1965 Census

Registered Voters in 1969, 1258

Annual Election: Fourth Monday in March

Annual Meeting:
Succeeding Friday Evening after the Fourth Monday in March

County Commissioners:

William H. Cassidy
Joseph A. Aspero
Paul X. Tivnan

Webster
Worcester
Paxton

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Harold D. Donohue

Worcester

Fourth Senatorial District:

James A. Kelly, Jr.

Oxford

Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

F. Leo Kenney
Thomas Creighton

Uxbridge
Uxbridge

Sheriff of Worcester County:

Joseph A. Smith

Leominster

State Director of Public Welfare:

Helen F. Irons

Mendon

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Gideon Halsing

Selectmen

Arthur Wiersma, Chairman	Term expires 1970
James H. Grant	Term expires 1971
John S. Hogarth	Term expires 1972

Fence Viewers

Arthur Wiersma	John S. Hogarth
James H. Grant	

Town Clerk
Emily L. Coleman

Town Treasurer

Roland A. Kinsley	Term expires 1970
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Tax Collector

Philip W. Harding	Term expires 1970
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Assessors

Thomas D. Hackenson, Chairman	Term expires 1970
Charles H. Wood	Term expires 1971
Walter J. Channing	Term expires 1972

Constables

Paul Tyler	Term expires 1970
William Rondeau	Term expires 1971
Kelsie E. Townsend, Jr.	Term expires 1972

Board of Health

Melba J. Armour	Term expires 1970
Edward J. Lamothe, Chairman	Term expires 1971
Ruthann M. Roy	Term expires 1972

Regional District School Committee

Mendon Members

*L. Everett Murch	Term expires 1970
Nancy L. Bradley	Term expires 1971
Richard L. Childs	Term expires 1972
*Resigned Richard J. Ferrucci appointed	

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
Mendon Representative

J. Gerard Sweeney Term expires 1971

Superintendent of Schools
Gordon B. Allan

Trustees of Taft Public Library

E. Jane Coleman Term expires 1970

Mae L. Snay Term expires 1971

Richard L. Childs Gordon B. Allan Arthur Wiersma

Water Commissioners

Donato F. Leone, Chairman Term expires 1970

Carlton L. Goss Term expires 1971

James S. Ferrucci Term expires 1972

Park Commissioners

Francis A. Irons Term expires 1970

*Robert A. Brownley Term expires 1971

Patrick E. Dunlavy Term expires 1972

*Resigned Warren J. Goodnow appointed

Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent
William E. Nuttall

Industrial Development Commission

John E. Quirk Elmer C. Nelson

Jesse F. White

Highway Surveyor
Harold Metcalf

Housing Authority

Edward A. Hummel Term expires 1970

Beatrice C. Wood Term expires 1971

Joseph F. Bradley Term expires 1971

David B. Lowell Term expires 1973

Shelley D. Vincent III Term expires 1974

Planning Board

David F. Hamilton	Term expires 1970
Donald A. Wheeler	Term expires 1971
Eldon H. Barrows	Term expires 1972
Gordon R. Good	Term expires 1973
Norman I. Rogers	Term expires 1974

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Chief of Police	Kelsie E. Townsend, Jr.
Town Counsel	Louis J. Noferi, Jr.
Dog Officer	James S. Ferrucci
Wiring Inspector	Walter J. Channing
Asst. Wiring Inspector	Alfred C. Comolli
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	Linwood E. Lowell
Superintendent of Streets	Harold Metcalf
Custodian Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	Douglas Taylor
Town Accountant Term expires 1971	Elizabeth A. Martini
Surveyor of Wood and Bark	Irvine Broom
Veterans' Agent	Louis W. Benotti
Director of Civil Defense	Bradford G. Shapley
Gas Inspector	Vincent Powers

Registrars of Voters

George A. Daige	Term expires 1970
Ernest S. Thomas	Term expires 1971
Henry B. Twitchell	Term expires 1972

Emily L. Coleman, Clerk

Finance Committee

H. Raymond Grant	William F. Ober
Robert G. Brewer	Arthur F. Johnson
Thomas P. Guerra	Emerson W. White

Daniel N. Barnes, Chairman

Field Drivers

Alexander Woleck	James S. Ferrucci
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Edward C. Goss

Board of Appeals for Sub-divisions

Thomas P. Guerra	Term expires 1970
Richard C. Varney	Term expires 1971
Walter J. Butler, Jr.	Term expires 1972
Francis H. Dunbar, Alternate	William M. Kimball, Alternate

Conservation Committee

H. Raymond Grant	Term expires 1970
F. Blaine Hawkes	Term expires 1971
Lawrence R. Pezzella	Term expires 1972

Appointed by Board of Health

Board of Health Physician	Ronald A. Lukert, M.D.
Plumbing Inspector	Robert J. Rossetti
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Vincent Powers
Inspector of Animals	Vernon A. Barrows
Inspector of Slaughtering	Francis D. Morrison

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moderator

Appropriation		\$	45.00
Expended:			
Salary	\$	25.00	
Association Meeting		<u>11.74</u>	
Total Expended		36.74	
Unexpended		<u>8.26</u>	\$ 45.00

Board of Selectmen

Appropriation		\$1,563.00
Expended:		
Salaries	\$1,112.50	
State and County Dues	60.00	
Association Meetings	20.22	
Milford Daily News	97.13	
Hobbs & Warren (forms)	19.86	
Handbooks	5.00	
Floral Pieces	30.00	
File Cabinet	103.12	
Printing and Postage	24.00	
Box Rental	<u>4.40</u>	
Total Expended	\$1,476.23	
Unexpended	<u>86.77</u>	\$1,563.00

Town Accountant

Appropriation		\$	875.00
Expended:			
Salary	\$	775.00	
Prep. Schedule A		15.00	
Office Supplies		3.50	
Forms		36.05	
Association Meeting		4.00	
Postage		<u>6.00</u>	
Total Expended	\$	839.55	
Unexpended		<u>35.45</u>	\$ 875.00

Treasurer — Expenses

Appropriation		\$ 850.00
Expended:		
Hubbard Sweet Insurance Agency, Inc.	\$ 197.00	
Postage	191.64	
Certification of Notes	20.00	
Servicing Agreement	30.00	
Office Supplies	66.89	
Office Equipment	150.00	
Equipment Repair	7.00	
State Association Dues	4.00	
Association Meetings	6.00	
Other	<u>36.00</u>	
Total Expended	\$ 708.53	
Unexpended	<u>141.47</u>	\$ 850.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Expended:		
Association Dues	\$ 20.00	
Association Meetings	19.60	
Office Supplies	<u>24.80</u>	
Total Expended	\$ 64.40	
Unexpended	<u>35.60</u>	\$ 100.00

Collector of Taxes

Appropriation		\$2,213.00
Expended:		
Salary	\$1,312.50	
Insurance	117.80	
Bonds	205.00	
Printing and Postage	280.00	
P. O. Box Rental	3.60	
Association Dues	4.00	
Association Meeting	10.00	
Bulletin Board & Sign	21.89	
A. W. LaFond Co., Inc. (forms)	110.80	
Milford Daily News	19.80	
Recording Fee	5.30	
Office Supplies	<u>42.75</u>	
Total Expended	\$2,133.44	
Unexpended	<u>79.56</u>	\$2,213.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		\$2,150.00
Expended:		
Salaries and Wages	\$1,200.00	
Association Dues	24.00	
Appellate Court Costs	95.00	
Travel	35.00	
File Cabinet	67.62	
Milford Daily News	6.00	
Deeds and Abstracts	322.94	
Postage and Forms	88.38	
Total Expended	<u>\$1,838.94</u>	
Unexpended	<u>311.06</u>	\$2,150.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Expended:		
Jacob Oppewal	\$ 561.40	
Louis J. Noferi, Jr.	<u>110.00</u>	
Total Expended	<u>\$ 671.40</u>	
Unexpended	<u>28.60</u>	\$ 700.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		\$1,163.00
Expended:		
Salary	\$ 488.00	
Association Meetings	242.70	
Recording Fees	96.00	
Adm. Oath of Office	20.00	
Association Dues	19.00	
Xerox Copies	13.45	
Insurance and Bond	28.00	
Rebind Book	32.00	
Office Supplies	58.21	
Typewriter Maintenance	18.50	
Milford Daily News	17.33	
Postage and Printing	64.37	
Toll Calls	12.19	
P. O. Box Rent	<u>2.70</u>	
Total Expended	<u>\$1,112.45</u>	
Unexpended	<u>50.55</u>	\$1,163.00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation	\$ 1,340.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>53.08</u>
Total	\$ 1,393.08

Expended:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 860.42
Upton Mimeographing Serv.	75.50
Clarke Printing Co.	242.00
Charlescraft Press	35.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	9.76
Milford Daily News	15.75
New England Steak House (meals for election workers)	55.00
Postage	6.00
Stamp Pad	3.65
Storage Cabinet	<u>90.00</u>

Total expended	\$ 1,393.08
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HEAT & LIGHTS TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
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Expended:

Nydam Oil Service	\$ 1,183.38
Thompson Oil Co.	554.89
Niro & Dec	45.52
Department of Public Safety	10.00
Mass. Electric Co.	<u>699.11</u>

Total expended	\$ 2,492.90	
Unexpended	<u>7.10</u>	\$ 2,500.00

RECORD ROOM

Appropriation \$ 4,550.00

Expended:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,731.89
New England Telephone	166.38
Mass. Electric Co.	62.33
Suburban Propane	245.02
Limoli Air Conditioning	12.00
Office Supplies	98.63
Repairs	30.00
I.B.M. Maintenance	<u>35.03</u>

Total expended \$ 4,381.28

Unexpended 168.72 \$ 4,550.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation \$ 1,238.00

Expended:

Salaries	\$ 637.50
Janitor's Equipment & Supplies	268.61
Repairs	275.42
Suburban Propane Co.	<u>46.84</u>

Total expended \$ 1,228.37

Unexpended 9.63 \$ 1,238.00

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation \$ 325.00

Expended:

Printing Town Maps	\$ 20.00
Printing Graph Sheets	28.00
Bulletin Board and Racks	<u>103.50</u>

Total expended \$ 151.50

Unexpended 173.50 \$ 325.00

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Expended:			
Advertising	\$	157.20	
Conference		<u>12.50</u>	
Total expended	\$	169.70	
Unexpended		<u>130.30</u>	\$ 300.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$	35,225.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			<u>794.48</u>
Total		\$	36,019.48
Expended:			
Salaries and Wages	\$	26,509.05	
Association Meetings		96.46	
School and Travel		652.72	
National Safety Council		45.00	
Repairs		766.28	
Equipment		1,560.00	
Gas		1,977.69	
Telephone		760.00	
Answering Service		1,888.00	
Association Dues		25.00	
Insurance		432.47	
Postage & Stationery		46.00	
Law Books		103.50	
Uniforms & Badges		491.57	
P. O. Box Rent		2.80	
Club Rent		52.00	
Supplies		<u>467.51</u>	
Total expended	\$	35,876.08	
Unexpended		<u>143.40</u>	\$ 36,019.48

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,300.00

Expended:

Linwood E. Lowell, Chief	\$ 400.00
Test Blowing	50.00
Payrolls	2,447.41
Equipment	1,136.61
New England Telephone	499.24
Mass. Electric	58.10
Davis Insurance Co.	245.40
Gulf Oil Corp.	174.68
Association Dues & Meetings	219.20
Repairs & Supplies	<u>1,027.76</u>

Total expended	\$ 6,258.40	
Unexpended	<u>41.60</u>	\$ 6,300.00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$ 1,060.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>391.55</u>
Total	\$ 1,451.55

Expended:

Salary	\$ 60.00
Envelopes	33.55
Boarding & Destroying Dogs	<u>1,312.00</u>

Total expended	\$ 1,405.55	
Unexpended	<u>46.00</u>	\$ 1,451.55

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$ 350.00
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Expended:

Salary	\$ 100.00
Supplies	<u>8.55</u>

Total expended	\$ 108.55	
Unexpended	<u>241.45</u>	\$ 350.00

AUXILIARY POLICE

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Expended:			
Army and Navy Supply	\$	401.50	
Supplies		<u>5.95</u>	
Total expended	\$	407.45	
Unexpended		<u>92.55</u>	\$ 500.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		\$2,800.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		<u>587.90</u>	
		\$3,387.90	
Expended:			
Labor	\$	656.40	
Dues		2.00	
Equipment:			
Alberto Power Equipment		68.65	
Douglas Tanner Service & Equipment		2,054.25	
Lakeside Garage		<u>10.00</u>	
Total Expended		\$2,791.30	
Unexpended		<u>596.60</u>	\$3,387.90

Insect Pest Control

Appropriation		\$	800.00
Expended:			
William Nuttall, Wages and Car	\$	25.00	
Milford Daily News		4.50	
Poison Ivy Spray		150.00	
Bay Colony Helicopters, Inc.(Spraying)		<u>620.00</u>	
Total Expended	\$	799.50	
Unexpended		<u>.50</u>	\$ 800.00

Dutch Elm Control

Appropriation		\$1,300.00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, Wages and Car	\$ 25.00	
Bay Colony Helicopters, Inc.(Spraying)	<u>1,275.00</u>	
Total Expended		\$1,300.00

Mosquito Spraying

Appropriation		\$ 900.00
Expended:		
Bay Colony Helicopters, Inc.(Spraying)	\$ 899.71	
Total Expended	<u>\$ 899.71</u>	
Unexpended	<u>.29</u>	\$ 900.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$ 7,655.00
Expended:		
Salaries	\$ 841.25	
Association Dues	3.00	
Association Meetings	74.20	
Milford Area Visiting Nurses	400.00	
Milford Mental Health Center	547.00	
Clinic Expenses	13.61	
Office Supplies	20.21	
File Cabinet	103.12	
Mass. State Bev. License	10.00	
Mileage of Board	51.00	
Rent of Town Dump	<u>2,400.00</u>	
Total expended	\$ 4,463.39	
Unexpended	<u>3,191.61</u>	\$ 7,655.00

GENERAL REPAIRS

Appropriation:

Salaries and wages	\$	4,800.00	
Expenses		2,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund for expense account		<u>743.75</u>	\$ 7,543.75

Expended:

Salaries and wages	\$	4,489.20
Penn Culvert Co.		992.39
Aldor Tetreault, dozer work		250.00
R. Weiker, grader		240.00
Comm. of Mass., Police signs		243.00
Daniels Insurance Co.		206.74
B. & M. Crushed Stone Corp.		164.08
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Company		106.63
Southeastern Const. Co.		152.21
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.		103.30
Attending meetings, etc.		66.35
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.		76.80
Farrell Sign Co.		65.00
Rudolph Gadoury		43.65
Centre Supply Co.		17.21
Hopedale Hardware		56.32
Files Equipment Co.		36.72
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.		21.30
Postage		18.00
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.		26.03
Niro & Dec Co.		14.50
Municipal Industrial Supply		17.42
Hobbs & Warren		11.87
Cahills News Agency		5.84
Association dues		5.00
Curtiss Coal Co.		4.13
Electric Appliance Co.		<u>6.00</u>

\$ 7,439.69

Total expended	\$	7,439.69	
Unexpended		<u>104.06</u>	\$ 7,543.75

PARK STREET CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$	4,000.00	
Balance from 1968		833.62	\$ 4,833.62
Expended:			
Labor	\$	48.40	\$ 48.40
Hired equipment:			
R. Weiker	\$	60.00	\$ 60.00
Materials:			
Penn Culvert, pipe	\$	112.91	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co., gravel		50.00	
H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance		3.86	\$ 166.77
Expended			\$ 275.17
Unexpended			<u>4,558.45</u>
			\$ 4,833.62

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		\$ 20,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		50.35	
Transfer from Excess & Deficiency		<u>723.60</u>	
Total			\$ 20,773.95
Expended:			
Labor	\$	7,773.95	
Hired Equipment		7,568.75	
International Salt Co.		3,594.06	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.		962.45	
H. A. Daniels Insurance Co.		358.03	
George F. Blake Co., Blades		168.56	
Milford Welding Co.		20.00	
Aldor Tetreault, Welding		50.00	
Curtiss Coal Co., Stakes		<u>9.04</u>	
Total Expended	\$	20,504.84	
Unexpended		<u>269.11</u>	\$ 20,773.95

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation	\$ 3,700.00	
State Allotment	<u>10,175.00</u>	\$ 13,875.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 7,046.30	
Town Equipment	<u>48.00</u>	\$ 7,094.30
Hired Equipment:		
R. Peterson, C. B. Cleaner	\$ 240.00	
W. & W. Const. Co., Low bed trailer service	30.00	
R. Weiker, Grader & Roller	579.00	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Backhoe & Sanders	<u>578.00</u>	\$ 1,427.00
Materials:		
Independent Bituminous Co., Inc.		
Road Oils	\$ 3,408.44	
Rosenfeld Sand & Gravel Co., Sand & Stone	681.85	
B. & M. Industries, Cold Patch	584.75	
H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance	340.32	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co. Inc., Gravel, loam, etc.	303.00	
Hopedale Hardware, Paint	<u>35.28</u>	\$ 5,353.64
Total expended	\$ 13,874.94	
Unexpended	<u>.06</u>	\$ 13,875.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1966 FUNDS

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	
County Allotment	3,500.00	
State Allotment	<u>7,000.00</u>	\$ 14,000.00
Balance in 1966 Funds	<u>\$ 8,355.96</u>	\$ 8,355.96
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 1,845.60	
Town equipment	<u>288.00</u>	\$ 2,133.60

Hired equipment:			
A. Tetreault, dozer	\$	588.00	
C. Goss, compressor		<u>355.60</u>	\$ 943.60

Materials:			
H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance	\$	147.72	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.,			
Gravel & Fill		3,598.50	
B. & M. Industries, patch		44.83	
Roland Temple, Dynamite & caps		<u>311.80</u>	\$ 4,102.85

Expended	\$	7,180.05	
Unexpended		<u>1,175.91</u>	\$ 8,355.96

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$	2,000.00	
State Allotment		2,000.00	
County Allotment		<u>2,000.00</u>	\$ 6,000.00

Expended:			
Labor	\$	2,173.50	
Town Equipment		<u>96.00</u>	\$ 2,269.50

Hired Equipment:			
R. Weiker, Grader & Roller	\$	294.00	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co. Inc.,			
Compressor, backhoe, sanders		<u>305.50</u>	\$ 599.50

Materials:			
B. & M. Industries Inc., Patch	\$	142.28	
Penn Culvert Co., Pipe		459.88	
So. Eastern Const., Co., C. B.			
blocks, covers, grates		63.97	
H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance		99.60	
Independent Bit. Co. Inc., road oils		1,336.92	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.,			
Sand & Stone		<u>1,027.15</u>	\$ 3,129.80

Total expended	\$	5,998.80	
Unexpended		<u>1.20</u>	\$ 6,000.00

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Transferred from Road Machinery Fund \$ 5,700.00

Expended:

Gulf Oil Corp.	\$ 1,716.19
H. A. Daniels Insurance Co.	387.01
Donald B. Lowell Insurance	642.06
Karl A. Bright Insurance	225.23
Lakeside Garage	904.11
Milford Auto Parts	102.55
Frabotta Motors	375.70
Rudolph Gadoury	124.49
Milford Products	136.40
Casey-Dupuis Corp.	480.99
K C Equipment Corp.	116.17
Registry of Motor Vehicles	42.00
Davis Tractor Corp.	44.47
National Chemsearch	31.39
B. & M. Shell Oil Co.	5.00
William Auty, welding	15.00
O'Grady's Service Station	80.50
Morse Body Mfg. Co.	26.27
Centre Supply	16.11
Lee Auto Body	30.00
Milford Daily News	12.00
Wrentham Equipment	13.36
Municipal Industrial & Supply	11.64
Files Equipment Corp.	39.43
Carl Anderson, welding	62.97
Scott-Ahern	<u>6.98</u>

\$ 5,648.02

Unexpended 51.98 \$ 5,700.00

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Appropriation \$ 8,000.00

Expended:

Casey-Dupuis Equip. Corp.	\$ 2,847.50
Nelson's Service Station	4,828.98
Rudolph Gadoury	66.60
Tru-Bilt Body Co.	<u>2.75</u>
	\$ <u>7,745.83</u>

Unexpended 254.17 \$ 8,000.00

**BATES STREET CONSTRUCTION
CHAPTER 616 ACTS OF 1967**

Balance from 1968	\$	2,289.76	
State allotment for 1969		<u>2,734.76</u>	\$ 5,024.52
Expended:			
Labor	\$	2,478.00	\$ 2,478.00
Hired Equipment:			
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.,			
Backhoe & sanders	\$	497.00	
A. Tetreault, dozer		385.00	
C. Goss, Compressor		<u>108.00</u>	\$ 990 00
Materials:			
Roland Temple, dynamite & caps	\$	113.80	
H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance		197.72	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Gravel		999.80	
Independent Oil Co., road oil		186.20	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand		41.00	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., oil		<u>11.14</u>	\$ 1,549.66
Total expended	\$	5,017.66	
Unexpended		<u>6.86</u>	\$ 5,024.52

BLACKSTONE STREET DRAINAGE

Appropriation			\$ 3,000.00
Expended:			
Labor	\$	<u>501.70</u>	\$ 501.70
Hired equipment:			
Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Backhoe,			
Compressor, low bed trailer	\$	<u>285.00</u>	\$ 285.00
Material:			
Penn Culvert Co., Pipe	\$	1,995.08	
B. & M. Industries Co., Patch		36.47	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co., cement		<u>4.05</u>	\$ 2,035.60
H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance	\$	<u>23.71</u>	\$ 23.71
Total expended	\$	2,846.01	
Unexpended		<u>153.99</u>	\$ 3,000.00

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1969	\$	5,790.62	
Transferred to Road Machinery Acct.		5,700.00	
Paid to Town Treasurer for equipment use:			
Chapter 81	\$	48.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance		96.00	
Chapter 90 Construction 1966 Funds		<u>288.00</u>	\$ 432.00
Unexpended Road Mach. Acct.	\$	51.98	
Unexpended 1969 Account		<u>90.62</u>	\$ 574.60

VETERANS

Appropriation			\$ 11,600.00
Expended:			
Salary	\$	487.50	
Postage		6.00	
Association Dues		15.00	
Aid (8 cases)		<u>8,744.37</u>	
Total expended	\$	<u>9,252.87</u>	
Unexpended		<u>2,347.13</u>	\$ 11,600.00

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$2,900.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	<u>86.00</u>
Total	\$2,986.00

Expended:

Salaries and Wages	\$1,632.94 -	
Mass. Electric Co.	6.50 -	
Campbell and Hall	56.22 -	
Doubleday & Co.	108.00 -	
H.W. Wilson Co.	37.00 -	
Nathaniel Dame & Co.	67.03 -	
Oceans Magazine	7.00 -	
Regent Book Co.	37.87 -	
Clarke Printing Co.	12.50 -	
F.W. Faxon Co.	100.00 -	
Barney Coal Co.	330.79	
Alfred C. Comolli	185.00 -	
Hopedale Hardware Co.	21.06 -	
P.O. Box and Postage	15.60 -	
Gaylord Brothers	38.55 -	
Bro-Dart	30.05 -	
American Library Assoc.	20.00 -	
Mass. Library Assoc.	3.00 -	
Cahill's News Agency	6.46 -	
Demco	25.45 -	
Floor Cleaning Supplies	<u>7.60 -</u>	
Total Expended	\$2,748.62	
Unexpended	<u>237.38</u>	
		\$2,986.00

Anna Ellis Fund	
Campbell and Hall	\$ 45.00

Fletcher Fund	
Campbell and Hall	\$300.00

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$	1,250.00
Expended:			
Wages	\$	81.90	
Treeland Nursery		975.00	
Clayton Parkinson		27.20	
Hopedale Hardware		16.04	
Lakeside Flower Shop		<u>30.00</u>	
Total expended	\$	1,130.14	
Unexpended		<u>119.86</u>	\$ 1,250.00

TOWN BEACH

Appropriation		\$	3,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			<u>52.73</u>
Total		\$	3,252.73
Expended:			
Salaries and Wages	\$	2,202.73	
Association Dues		27.50	
Hopedale Hardware		99.08	
Lionel Leclaire		120.00	
Norman Rogers		26.40	
Rubbish Removal		20.00	
Milford News		9.00	
Massachusetts Electric		16.59	
Maintenance		415.74	
Supplies		133.61	
File Cabinet		70.85	
New England Telephone		27.61	
Oil		<u>43.75</u>	
Total expended	\$	3,212.86	
Unexpended		<u>39.87</u>	\$ 3,252.73

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		\$	1,400.00
Expended:			
Distribution of Reports	\$	18.15	
Charlescraft Press, Inc.		<u>1,224.46</u>	
Total expended	\$	1,242.61	
Unexpended		<u>157.39</u>	\$ 1,400.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Expended:			
Milford Water Co.	\$	1,749.21	
Bellingham Water Co.		58.48	
Meter Reader		36.00	
File Cabinet		103.12	
Postage		<u>12.00</u>	
Total expended	\$	1,958.81	
Unexpended		<u>41.19</u>	\$ 2,000.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$	5,000.00
Transfer by Finance Committee to:			
Cruiser Purchase	\$	33.00	
Town Beach Salaries & Wages		52.73	
Tree Warden Expense		587.90	
General Repair Expense		743.75	
Town Hall Renovation		596.40	
Interest on Temp. Loans		1,120.49	
Dog Officer Account		391.55	
Fire Dept. Salaries & Wages		300.00	
Elections and Registrations		53.08	
Taft Library Salaries & Wages		86.00	
Group Insurance Administration		8.70	
Snow Removal Salaries & Wages		50.35	
Police Dept. Salaries & Wages		<u>794.48</u>	
Total expended	\$	4,818.43	
Unexpended		<u>181.57</u>	\$ 5,000.00

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT
December 31, 1969

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Personal Property	\$ 33,967.65
Real Estate	356,480.13
Farm Animal Excise	553.50

Previous Years:

Personal Property	292.74
Real Estate	27,168.11
Tax Titles	72.35

From the State:

Income Tax	33,170.57
Corporation (Business)	756.00
School Aid Chapter 70	70,829.60
Regional School Aid	10,614.53

Licenses and Permits:

Alcoholic Beverages	3,300.00
Pistol Permits	100.00
Firearms Permits	208.00
All Other	919.50

Grants and Gifts:

Medical Assistance	452.55
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From the State:

School Transportation	7,947.02
Vocational Education	438.23
Handicapped	73.00
Aid to Schools Projects	3,492.62
Aid to Libraries	517.00
School Lunch	823.64

From the County:

Dutch Elm Control	197.43
Dog License Refund	360.63

Privileges:

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Current Year	\$ 52,713.10
Previous Years	7,761.15

Departmental:

Pay Station Commission	90.21
Certification of Municipal Liens	69.00
Advertising Licenses	91.15
Town Hall Rent	124.75
Wiring Inspections	339.00
Town Maps	15.00
Valuation Books	199.50
Fines and Forfeitures	60.00
Dog Officer Reimbursement	1,184.00
Welfare Office Rent	540.00
Police Insurance Reports	160.00
Beverage License	20.00
Highway Machinery	189.87
Sale of Equipment	56.00
Photostat Copies	2.90
Sale of Dogs	72.00

Highways:

From the State:

Chapter 81, Acts 1968	3,586.03
Chapter 81, Acts 1969	3,259.45
Chapter 90 Maint. 1968	1,699.82
Chapter 616, Acts 1967	2,734.76

From the County:

Chapter 90 Maint. 1968	1,699.82
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From the Town:

Truck and Machinery Rental	432.00
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Charities:

From the State:

Public Welfare—General Relief	9.00
Disability Assistance	62.81
Medical Assistance	3,677.60
Veterans' Services	6,145.89

Library Fines	11.75
Water Services	2,633.33
Revenue Loan	225,000.00

Interest:

Thayer Cemetery Fund	8.00
Deferred Taxes	1,211.61
Tax Title	12.72
Motor Vehicle Excise	258.56
Conservation Committee	5.70

Agency, Trust and Investment

Dog License Fees	1,021.75
Income Trust Funds	370.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	8,238.08
State Withholding Taxes	1,554.69
State W/H Tax Services	11.95
Worcester Co. Retirement Fund	2,640.23
Employees Group Insurance	1,442.28

Refunds

Welfare	5.60
General Departments	69.90
Tax Collector's Bond	53.00
Blue Cross Insurance	215.73
Police Department	165.93

Total Receipts	\$884,660.42
Balance January 1, 1969	104,724.31
	<u>\$989,384.73</u>

EXPENDITURES

General Government

Moderator's Salary	\$ 25.00
Moderator's Expense	11.74
Selectmen's Salaries	1,112.50
Selectmen's Expense	363.73
Town Accountant's Salary	775.00
Town Accountant's Expense	64.55

State Audit of Accounts	2,261.96
Treasurer's Salary	1,500.00
Treasurer's Expense	708.53
Collector's Salary	1,312.50
Collector's Expense	820.94
Assessors' Salaries and Wages	1,200.00
Assessors' Expense	638.94
Finance Committee Expense	64.40
Town Clerk's Salary	488.00
Town Clerk's Expense 1968	473.89
Town Clerk's Expense 1969	624.45
Town Counsel's Salary	50.00
Town Counsel's Expense	621.40
Valuation Book	569.80
Elec. and Registrations Salaries and Wages	860.42
Elec. and Registrations Expense 1968	63.23
Elec. and Registrations Expense 1969	532.66
Record Room Salaries and Wages	3,731.89
Record Room Expense	649.39
Record Room Equipment	1,234.06
Planning Board Expense	151.50
Town Hall Expense	1,228.37
Town Hall Renovation	15,596.40
Heat and Light Town Buildings	2,492.90
Industrial Development Committee Expense	169.70

Protection of Persons and Property

Constables' Salaries	60.00
Police Department Salaries and Wages	27,789.05
Police Department Expense	8,252.96
Police Cruiser Trade-in	2,658.00
Fire Department Salaries and Wages	2,897.41
Fire Department Expense	2,224.38
Fire Department Equipment	1,136.61
Insect Pest Control	799.50
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,300.00
Mosquito Spraying	899.71
Tree Warden Salaries and Wages	656.40
Tree Warden Expense	2,134.90
Wiring Inspector	200.00
Gas Inspector's Salary	25.00
Dog Officer	1,405.55

Civilian Defense	108.55
Auxiliary Police Expense	407.45

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	4,463.39
Worcester County Hospital	1,557.51

Highways

General Repairs Salaries and Wages	4,695.94
General Repairs Expense	2,743.75
Snow Removal Salaries and Wages	7,773.95
Snow Removal Expense	12,730.89
Park Street Construction	275.17
Road Machinery Maintenance	5,648.02
Chapter 81	13,874.94
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,998.80
Chapter 90 Construction 1966	7,180.05
Bates Street	5,017.66
Blackstone Street Drainage	2,846.01
Equipment	7,745.83
Street Lighting	1,471.65

Charities

Disability Adminisration—Federal	47.65
Medical Assistance—Federal	616.43
Administration of Veterans' Services	508.50
Veterans' Benefits	8,744.37

Schools and Library

Regional School General control	378,611.28
Blackstone Val. Voc. School Gen. Control	7,893.00
Taft Public Library Salaries and Wages	1,632.94
Taft Public Library Expense	1,115.68

Recreation

Park Department	1,130.14
State Recreation Areas	3,252.30
Town Beach Salaries and Wages	2,202.73
Town Beach Expense	1,010.13
Reg. Summer Rec. Program	146.00

Pensions

Annuity Fund	500.00
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Unclassified

State Assessment System	92.40
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	279.00
Memorial Day Observance	151.45
Town Reports	1,242.61
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	50.00
Insurance Town Buildings	2,932.00
Group Insurance Administration	108.70
Worcester County Retirement Fund	4,693.21
Unpaid Bills of 1968	180.65

Public Service Enterprise

Water Department Maintenance	1,958.81
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Interest

Temporary Loans	4,620.49
Water Construction Note	11.25
Town Beach Note	396.00
Elem. School Addition Note	1,080.00

Municipal Indebtedness

Water Construction Loan	1,000.00
Regional School, Capital Cost	20,978.37
Revenue Loan	225,000.00
Elem. School Addition Loan	6,000.00
Town Beach Loan	2,000.00
B.V. Voc. School, Capital Cost	2,373.00

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	20,982.71
Sale of Dogs	60.00
Dog Licenses for County	1,027.00
Trust Funds	370.00
State Withholding Tax	1,554.69
Federal Withholding Tax	8,238.08
Contributory Retirement Fund	2,640.23
Group Insurance, Town Employees	2,537.56

Refunds

1968 Real Estate Taxes	49.86
1969 Real Estate Taxes	777.00
1968 Motor Vehicle Excise	457.21
1969 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,773.94
Total Expenditures	\$900,404.25
Balance December 31, 1969	<u>88,980.48</u>
	\$989,384.73

ELIZABETH A. MARTINI
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1969

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$ 88,980.48	Agency:	\$
Accounts Receivable:		Sale of Dogs--County	12.00
Taxes:		Tailings--Unclaimed Checks	63.32
Levy of 1967	\$ 6.20	Thayer Cemetery Fund Income	100.55
Real Estate			
Personal Property	162.18	Federal Grants:	538.72
Real Estate	4,903.49	Medical Assistance	
Levy of 1969		Appropriation Balances:	
Personal	456.08	Revenue:	
Real Estate	36,906.51	General	61,086.60
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Loan Authorized and Unissued	15,000.00
Levy of 1969		Sale of Real Estate Fund	700.00
Farm Excise:		Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:	
Levy of 1968	45.00	Road Machinery	574.60
Levy of 1969	169.40	State Aid to Libraries	517.00
Tax Titles and Possessions		Reserve Fund:	
Tax Titles	973.85	Overlay Reserved for Abatements	2,093.57
Tax Possessions	53.87	Overlay Surplus	2,209.30
Departmental:		Revenue Reserved Until Coll.	
Town Hall	45.50	Motor Vehicle Excise	4,646.57
Welfare Office Rent	90.00	Farm Animal Excise	214.40
O. A. Assistance	91.73	Tax Title & Possessions	1,027.72
Veterans' Services	1,874.28	Departmental	2,101.51
Water:		Water	134.83
Rates		Aid to Highways	44,115.37
		Surplus Revenue	52,240.40
			62,456.00
			\$197,592.06

Aid to Highways:

State:

Chapter 90 Const. 1966
Chapter 90 Const. 1967
Chapter 90 Const. 1968
Chapter 90 Maint. 1969
Chapter 81

7,000.00
7,000.00
7,000.00
2,000.00
6,915.55

County:

Chapter 90 Const. 1966
Chapter 90 Const. 1967
Chapter 90 Const. 1968
Chapter 90 Maint. 1969
Loans Authorized unissued
Unprovided for or Overdrawn
Underestimates 1969

3,500.00
3,500.00
3,500.00
2,000.00

County Tax
State Recreation Area

572.04
64.50

42,415.55
15,000.00

636.54

\$197,592.06

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Inside Debt Limit:

General

\$ 10,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

General

30,000.00

\$ 40,000.00

Serial Loans:

Inside Debt Limit:

General:

Land Purchase (Beach)

\$ 10,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

General:

School Building Addition

30,000.00

\$ 40,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		
Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Town Treasurer		
	\$ 74,504.88	
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	\$ 74,504.88	
In Custody of Treasurer:		
Welfare Funds:		
Marcena & H. E. P. Daniels		\$ 4,048.86
Nathan R. George		1,533.60
Austin Wood		1,786.22
Library Funds:		
Anna Ellis		971.40
Austin B. Fletcher		5,877.30
Cemetery Fund:		
J. Bates, J. Cox & J. Cox		174.26
A. E. Gaskill—Bicknell		174.26
R. A. Bates—Bicknell		274.39
A. & E. Scott & M. & I. Scott		1,060.41
Pine Hill		
Investment Fund:		
Stabilization		<u>58,604.18</u>
		\$ 74,504.88

ELIZABETH A. MARTINI
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

January 1, 1969 – December 31, 1969

Balance – January 1, 1969	\$104,724.31	
Receipts during Year	<u>884,660.42</u>	
Sub Total		\$989,384.73
Disbursements during Year Per Warrants	<u>900,404.25</u>	
Balance – December 31, 1969		\$88,980.48

*Per Detail listed Below:

Bank Balance (Milford National Bank)	\$92,969.32	
Conservation Fund	123.54	
Cash on Hand	<u>13,777.97</u>	
Sub Total		\$106,870.83
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>17,890.35</u>	
Adjusted Bank Balance – December 31, 1969		\$88,980.48

(See Town Accountant's Report for detail of Receipts and Disbursements.)

TRUST FUND REPORTS – DECEMBER 31, 1969

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Balance – January 1, 1969	\$1,697.93	
Income during 1969	<u>88.29</u>	
Balance – December 31, 1969		\$1,786.22

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance – January 1, 1969	\$55,561.57	
Income during 1969	<u>3,042.61</u>	
Balance – December 31, 1969		\$58,604.18

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Balance – January 1, 1969	\$968.84	
Income during 1969	47.56	
Withdrawn during 1969	<u>45.00</u>	
Balance – December 31, 1969		\$971.40

AUSTIN FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Balance – January 1, 1969	\$5,888.28	
Income during 1969	289.02	
Withdrawn during 1969	<u>300.00</u>	
Balance – December 31, 1969		\$5,877.30

NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR., RELIEF FUND

Balance — January 1, 1969	\$1,461.84	
Income during 1969	<u>71.76</u>	
Balance — December 31, 1969		\$1,533.60

RACHEL ANN BATES LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Balance — January 1, 1969	\$261.68	
Income during 1969	<u>12.71</u>	
Balance — December 31, 1969		\$274.39

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Balance — January 1, 1969	\$166.18	
Income during 1969	<u>8.08</u>	
Balance — December 31, 1969		\$174.26

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES, AND JOHN S. COX LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Balance — January 1, 1969	\$166.18	
Income during 1969	<u>8.08</u>	
Balance — December 31, 1969		\$174.26

MARCENA and HARRIET E. PIERCE DANIELS FUND

Balance — January 1, 1969	\$3,859.35	
Income during 1969	<u>189.51</u>	
Balance — December 31, 1969		\$4,048.86

ADRIEN and ELLEN J. (Thayer) SCOTT, MALCOLM D. and IDA M. (Barrows) SCOTT

Balance — January 1, 1969	\$1,034.63	
Income during 1969	50.78	
Withdrawn during 1969	<u>25.00</u>	
Balance — December 31, 1969		\$1,060.41

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

1967 Motor Vehicle Excise

Uncollected 1/1/69	\$	4.13	
Interest		<u>.20</u>	
	\$	4.33	
Paid to Treasurer			\$ 4.13
Interest			<u>.20</u>
			\$ 4.33

1967 Real Estate

Uncollected 1/1/69	\$	4,764.88	
Interest		<u>245.32</u>	
	\$	5,010.20	
Paid to Treasurer			\$ 4,758.68
Interest			245.32
Uncollected			<u>6.20</u>
			\$ 5,010.20

1968 Farm Animal & Machinery Excise

Uncollected 1/1/69	\$	45.00	
Uncollected			\$ 45.00

1968 Personal Property

Uncollected 1/1/69	\$	454.92	
Interest		<u>6.80</u>	
	\$	461.72	
Paid to Treasurer			\$ 292.74
Interest			6.80
Uncollected			<u>162.18</u>
			\$ 461.72

1968 Omitted Real Estate

Uncollected 1/1/69	\$	107.44
Paid to Treasurer	\$	107.44

1968 Real Estate

Uncollected 1/1/69	\$	27,155.62
Interest		692.38
Refunds		<u>49.86</u>
	\$	27,897.86
Paid to Treasurer	\$	22,301.99
Interest		692.38
Uncollected		<u>4,903.49</u>
	\$	27,897.86

1968 Motor Vehicle Excise

Uncollected 1/1/69	\$	4,971.07
Additional Commitments		4,008.84
Interest		<u>130.58</u>
	\$	9,567.70
Paid to Treasurer	\$	7,757.02
Interest		130.58
Abatements		<u>1,680.10</u>
	\$	9,567.70

1969 Special Accounts

Cert. of Mun. Liens (23)	\$	69.00
Adv. Fee for Tax Titles		22.42
Refund on 67 Bond		<u>53.00</u>
	\$	144.42
Paid to Treasurer	\$	144.42

1969 Personal Property

Committed	\$ 34,561.56
Interest	<u>.21</u>

\$ 34,561.77

Paid to Treasurer	\$ 33,967.65
Interest	.21
Abatements	137.83
Uncollected	<u>456.08</u>

\$ 34,561.77

1969 Farm Animal & Machinery Excise

Committed	\$ 722.90
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Paid to Treasurer	\$ 553.50
Uncollected	<u>169.40</u>

\$ 722.90

1969 Real Estate

Committed	\$413,209.08
Omitted Real Estate	309.16
Interest	267.90
Refunds	777.00
Overpayment	<u>51.25</u>

\$414,614.39

Paid to Treasurer	\$356,480.13
Interest	267.90
Abatements	20,770.76
Tax Title Acc't.	137.84
Uncollected	<u>36,957.76</u>

\$414,614.39

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Recapitulation 1969

Town Appropriations:		
To be raised by Taxation	\$608,216.15	
To be taken from Available Funds	59,347.39	
Other amounts to be raised	4,933.55	
State:		
Tax and Assessments	6,061.31	
County:		
Tax and Assessments	23,528.52	
Overlay for 1969	<u>23,002.16</u>	
Gross Amount to be raised		\$725,089.08
Estimated Receipts	217,971.05	
Available Funds	<u>59,347.39</u>	
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds		\$277,318.44
Net amount to be raised by Taxation on Property		\$447,770.64
Personal Property Taxes	34,561.56	
Real Estate Taxes	<u>413,209.08</u>	
Total Taxes Levied on Property		\$447,770.64

Aggregates 1969

Assessments on Real Estate	1,019	
Assessments on Personal Property	89	
Value of Assessed Personal Estate:		
Stock in Trade	36,835.00	
Machinery	136,555.00	
Other Tangible Property	<u>724,310.00</u>	
Total Value Assessed Personal Estate		\$897,700.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:		
Land, exclusive of Buildings	1,946,020.00	
Buildings, exclusive of land	<u>8,786,630.00</u>	
Total Assessed Real Estate		\$10,732,650.00
Total Value of Assessed Personal and Real Estate		\$11,630,350.00

Tax on Personal Estate	34,561.56	
Tax on Real Estate	<u>413,209.08</u>	
Total Tax Levied		\$447,770.64

Rate of Tax per \$1,000.00 \$38.50

Number of Livestock Assessed:	General	Farm Animals \$5 Excise
Horses	31	0
Cows	6	353
Bulls, Yearlings, etc.	5	10
Swine	1	94
Sheep	20	0
Fowl	155	0
All other	16	0

Number of Dwellings Assessed 759

Number of Acres of Land Assessed 10,761

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Committed to Collector		
Vehicles Registered in 1968	\$ 4,008.84	
Vehicles Registered in 1969	<u>60,468.91</u>	
Total Commitments		\$ 64,477.75

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Abated:

1968 Taxes	1,680.10	
1969 Taxes	<u>4,883.18</u>	
Total Abatements		\$ 6,563.28

Farm Animal, Farm Machinery and Equipment Excise

Total value of Farm Animals & Equipment	\$144,580.00
Total Commitment(Rate of tax per \$1,000, \$5.00)	722.90

Overlay Account

1969 Overlay Reserve	\$ 23,002.16
1969 Abatements on Property	20,908.59

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS D. HACKENSON, Chairman
 WALTER J. CHANNING
 CHARLES H. WOOD
 Board of Assessors

1969 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed	\$ 60,468.91
Interest	127.78
Refunds	1,773.94
Overpayment	<u>52.80</u>

\$ 62,423.43

Paid to Treasurer	\$ 52,713.10
Interest	127.78
Abatements	4,883.18
Uncollected	<u>4,699.37</u>

\$ 62,423.43

PHILIP W. HARDING
Tax Collector

JURY LIST 1969

Archibald, William H. Jr.	Blackstone St.	Manager
Atkinson, George W. J.	Kinsley Lane	Foreman
Austin, John W.	Uxbridge St.	Clerk
Barrows, Merton F.	Blackstone St.	Salesman
Bouchard, Ernest J. A.	Taft Ave.	Rigger
Boyer, Jean H. (Mrs.)	Cape Road	Registered Nurse
Bridgham, Noyes W.	Providence St.	Design Engineer
Broome, Irvine	Washington St.	Foreman
Butler, Walter J. Jr.	Millville Rd.	Electrician
Clough, Henry P.	Providence St.	Retired
(Asst. Principal Nipmuc Regional High School)		
Comolli, Dorothy M. (Mrs.)	Millville St.	At home
Deiana, Rudolph G.	Milford St.	Mason
Harding, Beverly E. (Mrs.)	George Street	Make ads
Irons, Francis A.	Providence St.	Owner machine shop
Jordan, Helen A. (Miss)	Kinsley Lane	File Clerk
Kearsley, Donald W.	Hartford Ave.W.	Toolmaker
Magee, Gertrude S. (Mrs.)	Millville St.	At home
Massaro, Joseph F.	Providence St.	Tool Grinder
Ober, Arthur J.	Northbridge St.	Retired
(Asst. Sales Mgr. Calif. Division)		
Rhodes, Robert R.	Millville St.	Mach. set up & oper.
Stratmon, William M.	Millville St.	Truck driver
Thomas, Ernest S.	Milford St.	Produce Manager
Walenty, Louise C.	Cape Road	At home
Wheeler, Donald A.	Providence St.	Salesman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the People of Mendon:

In an effort to provide more complete police coverage for the Town of Mendon, another full time man was added to the force, bringing the total of permanent men to three.

The Board, with the Chief of Police, met with Mr. Kirby Wetherbee and Mr. John Burke of the Department of Public Works to discuss and adopt rules for traffic control in our Town. Under the supervision of Police Chief Kelsie Townsend and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, a traffic survey was made and traffic rules and regulations were adopted by the Board of Selectmen on October 20th and approved by the Department of Public Works on November 10th.

An agreement with the answering service of Woonsocket was discontinued. Its location and cost did not justify its continuance. An answering service was installed in the homes of Chief K. Townsend and Sergeant M. Magliocca. It is the opinion of the Board that the service has been excellent and has provided the Town with maximum coverage at a nominal cost.

The Board met with the Regional School Committee and arrived at an agreement to use the Regional School Auditorium for Annual Town Meetings. The Board also received approval from the School Committee to use a portion of the facilities at the Henry P. Clough School for Town, State and Federal Elections.

The resignation of Jacob Oppewal as Town Counsel was received and Attorney Louis J. Noferi, Jr. was appointed to the post of Town Counsel for Mendon.

The contract for the renovation of the Town Hall for Town Offices was awarded to Gen-Wal Construction Company of Milford. The offices were ready for occupancy on October 8, 1969, and the Selectmen met in the new offices on October 13th. Open House was held on November 3rd. The new office facilities provide the opportunity for various Boards to meet on the same night as the Selectmen, therefore, adding to the convenience and service to the Townspeople.

In an effort to eliminate a traffic hazard at the junction of North Avenue and Route 16, the Board of Selectmen met with representatives of the Taft Family and reached an agreement under which plans can be made to eliminate this hazard.

There were no major controversial issues that came before the Board during this year.

The Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank the various departments for the manner in which they have operated their departments and cooperated with the Board.

The Board joins the Townspeople in expressing their sincere thanks to E. Theodore Giatas for the nine years of dedicated service he gave to the Town as Chairman and member of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR WIERSMA, Chairman
JAMES H. GRANT
JOHN S. HOGARTH
Board of Selectmen

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1969

The many duties of a Town Clerk include being custodian of all official town records, which have been compiled in his office. These records concern births, marriages, and deaths as well as all votes taken at Town Meetings and are complete from the year 1667 when the Town was incorporated.

Many legal requirements at the time of a Town Meeting are discharged by the Town Clerk, Chattel mortgages must also be recorded and discharged with the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk's many duties concerning elections include the processing of nomination papers, printing of ballots for Town elections, supervision of elections and workers, and the compilation of the total vote. As Clerk of the Board of Registrars, the Town Clerk maintains records of the Registrars of voters and is responsible for printing of voting lists.

Since 1926, the Town Clerk's office has been located in the home of the Town Clerk at no cost whatsoever to the Town of Mendon. Thus for forty-three years, there has been for the Town of Mendon free rent, heat, lights, furnishings, and maintenance. It is hoped that the majority of the residents of Mendon appreciate this service to the Town.

A move of the Town Clerk's office to the Town Hall at this time is not feasible. At the rate of compensation now received by the Town Clerk, an office located at the Town Hall would be open only five hours a week with no service provided at any other time during the week. The Town Clerk feels that the public may obtain more adequate and personal service by maintaining the office at home as in previous years.

Vital Statistics for 1969

Births	39
Marriages	42
Deaths	19

Receipts for 1969

Dog Licenses	\$1,119.00
Fish and Game Licenses	\$1,068.25
3 Raffle permits at \$10 each	\$ 30.00

Money turned over to Town Treasurer

EMILY L. COLEMAN
Town Clerk

1969
TOWN WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday the 24th day of March A.D. 1969 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 2 and all following Articles on this warrant will be acted upon Friday, the twenty-eighth day of March 1969 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One Moderator for one year
One Selectman for three years
One Assessor for three years
One Town Clerk for one year
One Tree Warden for one year
One Highway Surveyor for one year
One Member of the Regional School District
Committee for three years
One Trustee for Taft Public Library for two years
One Park Commissioner for one year
One Park Commissioner for three years
One Water Commissioner for three years
One Member of the Planning Board for five years
One Member of the Housing Authority for one year
One Member of the Housing Authority for five years
One Member of the Board of Health for three years
One Constable for three years

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 3. To fix the Salaries and compensations of the Elected Officers of the Town.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from Available Funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and to provide a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$180.65 to pay unpaid bills of prior years.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for remodeling and equipping the first floor of the Town Hall to provide town office facilities and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation of available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a piece of fire apparatus and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,077.13 to the Henry P. Clough School Lunch Program.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$235.00 from the Greater Milford Mental Health Association Account to the Excess and Deficiency account; this being the sum appropriated under Article 7 of the April 1, 1966 Town Meeting.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 4 Section 1 of the Town By-laws to increase the number of members of the Finance Committee from five to seven members.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4 000.00 for the purpose of reconstruction work on Park Street.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,734.76 from the proceeds of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 for the reconstruction of Bates Street.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of providing for participation of eligible retarded children in a Regional Summer Recreation Program.

Polls will close at 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in three or more public places in the Town of Mendon at least seven days before said meeting; one copy thereof shall be posted on the Town Hall Building.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon this 24th day of February A.D. 1969.

E. THEODORE GIATAS
ARTHUR WIERSMA
JAMES H. GRANT
Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:
HAROLD C. BARROWS, Jr.
Constable of Mendon

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

Mendon, March 7, 1969

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies as herein directed and have otherwise complied with all the requirements of law.

HAROLD C. BARROWS, Jr.
Constable of Mendon

March 24, 1969

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, one thousand qualified voters cast their ballot at the Town Hall the twenty-fourth day of March 1969. The meeting to act on Article 1 was called to order by the Moderator, Gideon Halsing. It was voted to waive the reading of the remainder of the Warrant at this time. The ballot box was opened for inspection. The Polls were declared open at 9:05 A.M. Police officers during the Election were Michael J. Magliocca from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and Harry Wiersma from 3:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. Anna Mae Wood served as Warden for the election and following is a list of Tellers, clerks and counters:

E. Jane Coleman	Stella Savicki
Helen Taylor	Beatrice Wood
Eileen Johnson	Charles H. Wood
Gertrude Lavergne	Thomas Hackenson
David Lowell	Ralph Morin
Terry Tycks	Anita Pazzella
Shirley Barnes	Blanche Lamothe
Leo J. Lovely	Judith Ober
Dorothy Lowell	Elgar Bartlett

List of ballots cast each hour:

9:00 A.M.	to	10:00 A.M.	85	85
10:00	to	11:00	76	161
11:00	to	12:00 Noon	47	208
12:00	to	1:00 P.M.	56	269
1:00	to	2:00	59	323

2:00	to	3:00	81	404
3:00	to	4:00	107	511
4:00	to	5:00	114	625
5:00	to	6:00	135	760
6:00	to	7:00	126	886
7:00	to	8:00	114	1000

1350 Ballots received 1000 votes cast unused ballots 350
 50 Absent Ballots received 2 A.V. cast unused Absent 48

The result of the Election was announced at 11:15 P.M. by the
 Warden, Anna Mae Wood.

Town Clerk for one year

Emily L. Coleman	590
Blanks	410
Barbara Phillips	123
Louisa Wheeler	284
Total Blanks	3

Town Moderator

Gideon Halsing	808
Blanks	192

Selectman for three years

John S. Hogarth	578
Ernest S. Thomas	413
Blanks	9

Assessor for three years

Walter Channing	689
Sigfrid Carlson	242
Blanks	69

Constable for three years

Patrick Dunlavy	325
Kelsie Townsend	662
Blanks	13

Tree Warden for one year

William E. Nuttall	777
Blanks	223

Highway Surveyor for one year	
Harold Metcalf	797
Blanks	203
Board of Health for one year	
Ruthann Roy	790
Blanks	210
Housing Authority for one year	
Edward Hummel	740
Blanks	260
Housing Authority for five years	
Shelley D. Vincent, 3rd	522
Ernest P. Wood	425
Blanks	53
Trustee Taft Public Library for two years	
Mae L. Snay	718
Blanks	282
Park Commissioner for one year	
Francis Irons	37
Scatterings	14
Blanks	949
Park Commissioner for three years	
Patrick Dunlavey	8
Scatterings	14
Blanks	978
Water Commissioner for three years	
James S. Ferrucci	660
John E. Quirk	286
Blanks	54
Mendon District School Committee for two years	
Richard L. Childs	746
Blanks	254
Planning Board for five years	
Norman I. Rogers	801
Blanks	199

Voted to adjourn the meeting to 7:30 P.M. March 28, 1969 at the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School.

March 28, 1969

Adjourned meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School, by Moderator Gideon Halsing. The attendance for this meeting was one hundred ninety-five registered voters, with three hundred and eleven seats available. The check list was used by David Gaskell and John E. Quirk. Permission was granted by the voters present to allow the following to sit in at the meeting: Town Counsel Jacob Oppewal, Acting Superintendent of Schools Wilho Frigard, Telegram News reporter Napier Scribner, Edward J. Murray and Clarence Laflash of the Finance Committee of the Town of Northbridge, William Hazard was officer for the evening.

Before the meeting was started, the Moderator requested all those present to rise and give a moment of silent tribute to Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower who passed away this day at 12:25 P.M. Eastern Standard time in the Walter Reed Hospital.

All motions under this Warrant are presented as written motions.

Article 2. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. Unanimous voice vote.

Article 3. Voted that the Annual Salaries of the Elected Officers of the Town be fixed as follows:

Moderator	\$ 25.00
Chairman of Selectmen	450.00
Board Members	350.00
Treasurer	1500.00
Tax Collector	1350.00 plus fees
Assessors	375.00 each

Town Clerk	500.00 plus fees
Constables	20.00 each
Board of Health	75.00 each

Tree Warden be compensated at the rate of \$2.50 per hour.
 Park Commissioners be compensated at the rate of \$2.10 per hour;
 and that all salaries and wages be effective as of April 1.

Article 4. All items under this article as read by the Chairman of the Finance Committee were voted for favorably with the exception of Items 24, 29, 30, 31, 40, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 65, 66, 69, 81, and 86, and that the same be expended for such purposes under the direction of the respective officers, board and committees of the Town. After discussion on the various items by members present, the following vote was taken:

Item 24. Voted that the sum of \$1,250.00 be appropriated for the Record Room Furniture and equipment.

Item 29. Voted that the sum of \$27,000.00 be appropriated for the Police Department salaries and wages.

Item 30. Voted that the sum of \$8,225.00 be appropriated for Police Department expense.

Item 31. Voted that the sum of \$2,625.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a new police cruiser, with the present police cruiser to be taken in trade; this purchase to be made under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen and the Chief of Police.

Item 40. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the Auxiliary Police Expense.

Items 56 and 57. Voted that the sum of three thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$3,700.00) be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways and that the sum of ten thousand, one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$10,175.00) be appropriated from Available Funds to meet the State's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Items 58 and 59. Voted that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance and that the sum of four

thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be appropriated from Available Funds to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Items 60 and 61. Voted that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways Construction and that the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) be appropriated from Available Funds to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Item 65. Voted that the sum of five thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$5,700.00) be appropriated from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account.

Item 66. Voted that the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) be appropriated for the purchase of an automatic sander and that the present 1957 Model Baughman Sander be taken in trade; and for the purchase of a new truck chassis; this sander and truck to be purchased under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen and the Highway Surveyor.

Item 69. Voted that Eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) be appropriated for Aid to Veterans.

Item 81. Voted that the sum of \$1,800.00 be appropriated for Group Insurance on Town Employees.

Item 86. Voted that the sum of \$3,100.00 be appropriated for Insurance on Town Buildings.

The complete list of appropriations of this meeting will be found on Pages 66 and 67.

Article 5. Voted that the sum of one hundred eighty dollars and sixty-five cents (\$180.65) be appropriated to pay unpaid bills of 1966 and 1967.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) be appropriated for remodeling and partially equip-

ping the first floor of the Town Hall to provide Town Office facilities. The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be provided by taxation and the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be appropriated from Available Funds. Plan projected on screen with remarks by James Grant and David Hamilton.

Article 7. Voted that the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500.00) be appropriated for the purchase of a new combination fire truck-tanker; and to meet said appropriation the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) be provided by taxation, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be appropriated from the Stabilization Fund, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, will be authorized and directed to issue and sell serial bonds or notes of the Town aggregating fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in principal amount under the authority of Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, but all of said bonds or notes shall be paid in not more than five years from the date thereof.

Article 8. Voted that the sum of two thousand seventy-seven dollars and thirteen cents (\$2,077.13) be appropriated to the Henry P. Clough School Lunch Program.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$235.00) be transferred from the Greater Milford Mental Health Association Account to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 10. Voted that Chapter 4, Section 1 of the Town of Mendon By-Laws be amended to read "There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of seven members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen." Unanimous voice vote.

Article 11. Voted that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be appropriated for reconstruction work on Park Street.

Article 12. Voted that the sum of two thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-six cents (\$2,734.76) be appropriated from the proceeds of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 for reconstruction on Bates Street.

Article 13. Voted that the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be appropriated for the purpose of providing for par-

ticipation of eligible retarded children in a Regional Summer Recreational Program.

A standing ovation was given Mr. Joseph Taylor for his many years of service on the Finance Board.

Meeting dissolved at 10:07 P.M.

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

under Article 4

1969

Moderator, Salary	\$ 25.00
Expense	20.00
Finance Committee, Expense	100.00
Selectmen, Salaries	1,113.00
Expense	450.00
Town Accountant, Salary	775.00
Expense	100.00
Treasurer, Salary	1,500.00
Expense	850.00
Tax Collector, Salary	1,313.00
Expense	900.00
Assessors, Salaries and Wages	1,200.00
Expense	950.00
Town Counsel, Salary	50.00
Expense	650.00
Town Clerk, Salary	488.00
Expense	675.00
Elections and Registrations	
Salaries and Wages	850.00
Expense	490.00
Planning Board, Expense	325.00
Industrial Development Commission Expense	300.00
Record Room, Salaries and Wages	3,900.00
Expense	650.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,250.00
Tax Title Foreclosure	100.00
Heat and Lights, Town Buildings	2,500.00
Town Hall—Maintenance, Salary	638.00
Expense	600.00
Police Department, Salaries and Wages	27,000.00
Expense	8,225.00
Cruiser Trade-in	2,625.00
Fire Department, Salaries and Wages	2,600.00
Expense	2,250.00
Equipment	1,150.00
Dog Officer, Salary	60.00
Expense	1,000.00

Civil Defense, Salary	\$ 100.00
Expense	250.00
Constable, Salaries	60.00
Auxiliary Police Expense	500.00
Board of Appeals, Expense	25.00
Wire Inspector, Salary	200.00
Expense	35.00
Gas Inspector, Salary	25.00
Tree Warden, Wages	1,250.00
Expense	1,550.00
Insect Pest Control	800.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,300.00
Additional Spraying—Mosquito	900.00
Conservation Commission, Expense	100.00
Board of Health, Salaries and Wages	707.00
Expense	4,548.00
Town Dump	2,400.00
Highways—General Repairs	
Wages	4,800.00
Expense	2,000.00
Chapter 81—Town's share	3,700.00
State's share	10,175.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance—Town's share	2,000.00
State and County's share	4,000.00
Chapter 90—Construction	
Town's share	4,000.00
State and County's share	12,000.00
Snow Removal—Wages	7,000.00
Expense	13,000.00
Street Lights	1,700.00

TOWN WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Friday the Ninth day of May A.D. 1969 punctually at 7:30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove the amount of debt of fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000.00) authorized on April 15, 1969 by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee for the purpose of acquiring property situated between the easterly side of Pleasant Street and the westerly side of Mendon Street in Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, consisting of approximately forty-six acres as a site for the construction of a school building.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from Available Funds in the treasury for the purpose of installing drainage pipe on Blackstone Street to alleviate drainage problem.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in three or more public places in the Town of Mendon at least seven days before said meeting; one copy thereof shall be posted on the Town Hall building.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon this 28th day of April, A.D. 1969.

ARTHUR WIERSMA
JOHN S. HOGARTH
Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:
KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Constable of Mendon

Duly posted May 1, 1969.

KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, 68 registered voters met at the Town Hall to act on various articles in the Warrant. The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. by Moderator Gideon Halsing. Tellers for the meeting were Leo Tetreault and David Gaskell. Attending Officer was Harry Wiersma.

Permission to attend this meeting was granted to Napier Scribner, reporter for the Worcester Telegram; Mr. Rice and Mr. Howard of Upton, members of the school committee; Mr. Wilho Frigard, Acting Superintendent of Schools; and Mr. Laurence Doyle, attorney for the School Committee.

Article 1. Under this article the chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the motion, which was seconded. Remarks and questions were raised by the following voters: Vernon A. Barrows, Harold Metcalf, Donald Kearsley, Arthur Wiersma, Ian Denton, Richard Childs, chairman of the School Committee, Jeannette Moriarty, Mrs. E. Noonan, James Waite, Attorney Doyle, Gerard Sweeney, Daniel Leone, Gordon Good, Wilbur Blair, Myla Thayer, Arthur Johnson, Roland Kinsley, Grace Hutchinson, Louis Benotti and Michael Magliocca. After a discussion that lasted from 7:30 to 8:45 P.M. the motion was put to vote and passed by a standing vote of Yes 53 and No 4; a two third vote being necessary.

Article 1. Voted that the Town approve the amount of debt, fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000.00), authorized on April 15, 1969 by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee for the purpose of acquiring property situated between the easterly side of Pleasant Street and the westerly side of Mendon Street in Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, consisting of approximately forty six (46) acres as a site for the construction of a school building.

Article 2. Voted that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) be appropriated from Available Funds in the Treasury for the purpose of installing drainage pipe on Blackstone Street. Unanimous vote.

Voted that the warrant be dissolved at 8:40 P.M.

Mr. Childs thanked the voters for their confidence in voting for Article 1.

EMILY L. COLEMAN
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During 1969 the Fire and Forest Fire Departments answered a total of 79 calls as follows:

Automobile	5
Out-of-Town	2
Cellars Pumped	8
Accident Calls	5
Resuscitator Calls	2
Rubbish	1
Building	3
Flooded Oil Burners	1
Chimney Fires	1
Forest, Brush, & Grass	37
Miscellaneous	14

The annual Fourth of July Celebration was held again this year.

The Fire Department with cooperation of Mr. Carlton Goss made the area adjacent to the Clayton Parkinson Greenhouses available for skating.

A total of 942 permits to burn were issued. Permits are required by law for all open air fires.

To obtain permits for fires call 473-5330, if no answer call 473-3434.

Respectfully submitted,
LINWOOD E. LOWELL
Fire Chief & Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Mendon:

The following is a record of the Police Department and its activities for the year ending December 31, 1969:

Complaints	841
Arrests	18
Summons served by Mendon Police	65
Motor Vehicle accidents	106
Motor Vehicle fatalities	1
Personal injury from M.V.	46
Cruiser used as ambulance	50
Deaths investigated by Medical Examiner	4
Motor Vehicle citations issued	139
Warnings	98
Complaints	32
M.V. Arrests	9
Aid to disabled motorists	75
Aid to out-of-town P.D.	77
Bank escort	33
Stolen cars recovered	3
Licenses suspended	20
Hit and run (property damage)	12
Defective equipment tickets issued	75
Parking tags issued	60
B & E's investigated	21
Malicious destruction	42
Stolen property reported	49
Stolen property recovered	7
Arson	3
Commitment to Grafton State Hospital	2
Bomb hoax	3
Plane crash	1
Family problems	28
Truants	8
Doors and windows found open (routine check)	88
Missing persons	4
Rape	1
Bicycles registered	90
Firearm I.D. cards issued	67
Pistol permits issued	69
Appearances by Mendon police officers in:	
District Court	63
Superior Court	12
Juvenile Court	4

The following are some of the highlights concerning the Mendon Police Department during 1969:

1. First arrest for possession of narcotics.
2. The Town of Mendon voted twenty-four hour coverage, and Officer George Larson was appointed a full-time patrolman.
3. Three indictments by the Grand Jury in one week, for crimes committed in Mendon.
4. Acceptance by the Town of Mendon of Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. This entailed many hours of the drawing of intersections and making traffic counts. Seven legal stop signs were installed on in-town roads. Six more will be installed by the Commonwealth on streets intersecting with Route 16.
5. A "blue" telephone system was installed. Two of these telephones are in the police station, one is in the chief's home, and one in the sergeant's home. This system, combined with two remote radios, greatly increases the efficiency of our communications.
6. Sgt. Michael J. Magliocca graduated from Medford Police Academy. Officer George Larson successfully completed a course in finger-printing, held by the Holliston police department.
7. A narcotics program, sponsored by the Mendon Police Department and the National Safety Council, was held at the Nipmuc Regional High School. Captain Anthony Francis, Worcester Police Department, lectured on the narcotics problem. 191 attended. Students and townspeople helped to make this program a success.
8. A bicycle safety program, sponsored by the Mendon Police department, was held at the Henry P. Clough Elementary School. A bicycle rodeo determined skill, and 76 bicycles were inspected and registered.
9. The first motor vehicle fatality in Mendon in over three years.

10. The purchase of a second-hand camera, and the set-up of a dark room, will allow the department to take, develop, and print its own photos.
11. Law Day was held on May 1st, 1969, at the Nipmuc Regional High School. Mendon police and members of the District Attorney's office participated.
12. Police Memorial Sunday was held in June. Flowers were placed on the graves of departed police officers, and a service was held at Swandale Cemetery. Rev. Cooper of the Unitarian Church performed the service.
13. Training is held on a weekly and monthly basis. The rental of the Hopedale Pistol Range enables the department to target practice one evening a month.
14. An application for radar was submitted to the Federal Highway Safety Commission. Upon approval, the town is reimbursed 100% of the cost of the radar.

The Mendon Police Department would like to thank the various town departments, and the citizens of Mendon, for their cooperation during the year 1969.

Respectfully submitted,
KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Chief of Police

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The following animals were inspected this year:

	Grade	Purebred
No. of dairy cows and heifers two years old and over	217	45
No. of dairy heifers one to two years of age	39	18
No. of dairy heifer calves under one year	19	22
No. of dairy bulls	2	
No. of beef cattle		111
No. of dairy herds		8
No. of horse		11
No. of ponies		13
No. of goats		20
No. of sheep		70
No. of swine		700
No. of swine herds		2
No. of dogs quarantined		3
No. of Interstate cattle permits		12

Respectfully submitted,
VERNON A. BARROWS
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year 1969 there were 32 Plumbing Permits issued. A total of \$261.00 was collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT J. ROSSETTI
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

Number of Inspections	47
Collected and paid to Town Treasurer	\$339.00

WALTER J. CHANNING
Inspector of Wiring

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Mendon:

During the year the Planning Board approved and signed a total of 56 plot plans and tracings to validate permits for new buildings, additions and accessory buildings and land transfer tracings to be recorded at the registry of deeds. This is an increase of twenty-five per cent over these items processed in 1968 and an increase of forty-five per cent over these items processed in 1967.

The revision of our present zoning by-laws was presented at two hearings and accepted by the voters of the Town by a two thirds majority. This revision was subsequently rejected by the Attorney General's Office because of a technicality in advertising the hearings. The various clauses in the revision have been reviewed by the Planning Board together with our Town Counsel and will again be presented to the voters at a special town meeting in the near future for ratification in accordance with the procedure required in Chapter 40A section 6 of the General Laws as amended in 1967.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID F. HAMILTON
NORMAN I. ROGERS
GORDON R. GOOD
DONALD A. WHEELER
ELDON H. BARROWS

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1969.

Dogs Boarded	67
Complaints received and investigated	23
Dogs turned over to Harvard Research	22
Dogs destroyed	45
Dogs killed by autos	16
Dogs reported missing	14
Dog bites reported	2
Dogs returned to owners	7
Notices sent out for failing to pay dog tax	172

Dog Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31, 1970. Failure to do so, after notified, the delinquent owner of a dog can be summoned into court and fined the sum of \$15.00, according to law.

All dogs, according to law, must be collared and tagged.

Any dog found without same can be picked up by the Dog Officer as a stray dog and be taken to the pound.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. FERRUCCI
Dog Officer

REPORT OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Taft Public Library:

The circulation of books and magazines for the year 1969 (135 days) was 3,950. Circulation by classes was as follows: fiction, 1564; magazines, 659; juveniles, 1014; biography, 147; history and travel, 185; literature and fine arts, 116; science and useful arts, 172; all others, 98. Thirty seven new borrowers registered, almost ½ of them juvenile.

During 1969, 3 new books were purchased by the Anna Ellis Fund, 59 by the Town and 122 by the Fletcher Fund and 18 as gifts. Our thanks and appreciation go to the following donors: Mr. Walter Wheelock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard, Michael Cousineau, Michael Merolli, Worcester County National Bank, Mrs. Harris Loring III, Nipmuc Regional Library, Herbert Wood III, Draper Division North American Rockwell, Morgan Family, Timothy Cox, Mrs. D. Brown, Mr. John Lundvall, Arlon DeLorge, Charlotte Lowell, Gertrude and Debbie Leclair. The Bookmobile from Central Massachusetts Regional Library in Worcester comes every six weeks with a deposit of books for us to circulate; including large print editions. We also obtain through the region, films and books to fill special requests.

Fines received from overdue books were \$11.75. There are still many overdue books outstanding and the cost of replacing them continually rises.

We had the library rewired this year, adding wall plugs on the main floor. We plan to add more shelves to accommodate our genealogical material for the convenience of the numerous people that come to our library to do research.

In order for the town to receive its share of the State Aid for Libraries I must take four library courses. I have completed one and plan to enroll for a second this spring semester.

Our thanks and appreciation to our assistants, Miss E. Jane Coleman and Mrs. Priscilla Denton and our custodian, Mr. Antonio Chiccarelli, for their cooperation and assistance.

We are always pleased to welcome you to the Taft Public Library and to assist you in every way possible. With due thanks to the Trustees and Town Officers for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
LORNA F. RHODES
Librarian

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health has completed its first three year cycle. We feel we have made progress in expanding the scope of our duties.

Our school children have received the new vaccines of mumps, measles and german measles. Our percentage of children in grades one through four that received the new German Measles Vaccine was 75%. We thank the townspeople for their cooperation in our vaccine programs.

The problem of adequate sewage disposal has been an unresolved problem. The Board has done some research into this problem through the State Division of Public Health and the Division of Water Pollution Control. We have also spoken to a private engineering firm.

There are several promising solutions that we wish to investigate, therefore the Board is requesting a small appropriation this year to continue our study. We hope to be able to present a workable program for sewerage treatment and disposal in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. LAMOTHE
RUTHANN M. ROY
MELBA J. ARMOUR

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The trustees of the Taft Public Library submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1969.

On Wednesday evening, June 18th, 1969, a portrait of the late Mrs. Vestella Daniels, Librarian from 1945-1967, was presented to the Taft Public Library by Mrs. Doris Daniels Cox. Mrs. Cox, daughter of the late Mrs. Daniels, and a well-known Mendon artist, presented the portrait as a memorial to our late Librarian who served so well for so many years. Trustees present that evening were Nancy L. Bradley, Chairman; Mae L. Snay, and E. Jane Coleman. The pastel portrait is hung in the Reading Room.

Mrs. Lorna F. Rhodes, Librarian, completed a course at Worcester State College—Reference Sources and Methods, Part I, giving credits toward her Librarian's Certificate. Mrs. Rhodes was awarded a scholarship grant from the Massachusetts Library Aid Association, Inc.

RCA presented to the Library a good collection of long-playing records and these are loaned to patrons at a minimum fee.

The problem of patrons not returning long-overdue books still plagues us and presents the possibility of taking drastic action in the near future. The ever-increasing cost of books creates a severe impact on the budget of a small library such as ours.

During the year, Alfred C. Comolli wired for 3-way switches from the upstairs front hall to cellar back door, installed new switches and plate in hall of front entrance, wired for 2 wall outlets in the main library and installed a complete new circuit breaker service with outside meter.

Future plans for the renovation of the library would include more bookshelves, repair of front steps, repair of foundation walls, repainting of interior, refinishing of floors, and renovation of the basement room. Properly and attractively renovated, the basement room would accommodate meetings of small groups of people, up to 50 in number.

Again we express our appreciation to Antonio J. Chiccarelli for his excellent service as custodian of our library. The Trustees also wish to express their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Rhodes, Librarian, and her assistants for providing continued service of the Library to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY L. BRADLEY, Chairman
ARTHUR WIERSMA
MAE L. SNAY
GORDON B. ALLAN
E. JANE COLEMAN, Secretary

REPORT OF THE MENDON HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Selectmen of Mendon:

This report marks our second year of full management.

A Master Fire Alarm Box, which connects the Project to the Mendon Fire Department, has been installed. Paneling under windows, which became separated and warped, will be replaced on six sides of designated buildings. More will be replaced if necessary. Two Lumen Mercury Lamps have been installed in parking area to give tenants more light. A surface water problem in parking area, we hope to alleviate this coming year.

Interest rates on the 6th Series Notes was 4.67 percent. Due to increased interest rates, we expect a much higher rate next year.

In April, the following officers were elected:

Chairman	Joseph F. Bradley
Vice Chairman	David B. Lowell
Treasurer	Beatrice C. Wood
Ass't. Treasurer	Edward A. Hummel
Secretary	Emma M. Barrows
Member	Shelley D. Vincent, III

A full tenancy was had this year. Any person or persons, 65 years or older interested in occupancy, should file their application early.

The minimum rental is Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per month and the maximum rental is Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$67.00). The admission income limit for a single tenant is \$2,500.00 per year; and for a couple, the admission income limit is \$3,000.00 per year.

The Authority wishes to thank the town officials who have helped the Project this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA M. BARROWS
Executive Director

BALANCE SHEET
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1969

ASSETS

Administration Fund	\$ 2,134.58
Investment Cash	10,236.28
Development Cost	390,000.00
Notes Retired	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$417,370.86

LIABILITIES

Prepaid Insurance	\$ 61.04
Fed. Withholding Tax	112.80
State Withholding Tax	26.38
Notes Authorized	390,000.00
Matured Interest and Prin.	482.57
Develop. Cost Liquid.	15,000.00
Debt Service Reserve	3,220.00
Operating Reserve Develop.	<u>5,873.26</u>
	\$414,776.05
E/S	<u>2,594.81</u>
	\$417,370.86

1969 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME

Shelter	\$ 21,834.50
Misc. Income	236.28
	<u>\$ 22,070.78</u>

EXPENSE

Administrative Salary	\$ 1,008.00
Accounting Salary	288.00
Other Administrative Expense	633.10
Maintenance Salaries	1,575.25
Electricity	5,923.11
Materials and Supplies	367.47
Contractural Services	906.00
Insurance Expense	727.04
Interest on Notes	7,480.60
Operating Improvements	1,538.90
	<u>\$ 20,447.47</u>

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Year Ending December 31, 1969

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Richard Childs, Chairman	Term expires 1972
Mr. Richard Howarth, Vice-Chairman	Term expires 1972
Mrs. Nancy Bradley	Term expires 1971
Mrs. Marjorie McLaughlin	Term expires 1971
Mr. Jerald Rice	Term expires 1970
Mr. Richard Ferrucci	Term expires 1970
Mr. John Robertson, Jr., Treasurer	Term expires 1970

SUPERINTENDENT

Gordon B. Allan

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Mrs. Catherine Pyne, Secretary Mrs. Joan Shanahan, Clerk

PRINCIPAL

Wilho Frigard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Anthony H. Gulla, Jr.

ELEMENTARY SUPERVISOR

Edward M. Soter

HEALTH SERVICE

Christian W. Aussenheimer, M.D. Ronald Lukert, M.D.
Bernard F. McKernan, M.D.
Mrs. Janet Stockwell, R.N. Mrs. Joyce Hoberg, R.N.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY – 1969

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gordon B. Allan Telephone: 473-8200
Office: Nipmuc Regional High School
Secretary: Mrs. Catherine Pyne

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Wilho Frigard, Principal Telephone: 473-0994
Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., Assistant Principal 473-0995
Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Secretary

SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Edward M. Soter, Supervisor Telephone: 473-1768
Office: Memorial School Telephone: 529-6931
Henry P. Clough School
Mrs. Eleanor Lussier, Secretary

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Mrs. Maryellen Gray, Director Allan J. Byrne, Counselor
Mrs. Mary Morin, Secretary

FACULTY – NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Jeffrey Allard	Biology
Mr. Richard Auger	Music
Mr. Bradley Austin	Science
Mr. Colin S. Bell	Science
Mrs. Ruth Bigelow	Business Education
Mr. Stephen J. Bodnar	Science-Department Head
Mr. Arthur Courtemanche	Social Studies
Mrs. Anne Davenport	Home Economics
Mr. Ian O. Denton	Industrial Arts (Metals)
Mr. James Edwards	Foreign Languages
Miss Lucille Gilbert	Business Education-Department Head
Miss Linda Gosselin	English
Mr. John Grady	English
Mr. Stephen Gressak	Science
Mrs. Cecelia Grynsel	Special Education
Mr. Richard Guzzi	Physical Education-Department Head
Miss Dorothy Hentz	English
Mrs. Eleanor Hutchinson	Foreign Language-Department Head
Miss Beverly Keeler	English

Mr. William Kimball	Math-Department Head
Miss Arlene Laflash	Foreign Language
Mrs. Eileen Lucier	English-Department Head
Mr. Michael Makynen	Math
Mr. John McGrail	Social Studies
Mrs. Martha Miles	Math
Miss Patricia Morrissey	English
Mr. Harold Murphy	Math
Mr. Carl Olson	Social Studies-Department Head
Mrs. Judith Robbins	English
Mr. Richard Robinson	Industrial Arts (Wood)
Mrs. Grenith Rose	Social Studies
Miss Virginia Rowe	English
Mr. Hugh Saunders	Business Education
Mr. Robert Smith, Jr.	Social Studies
Miss Linda Sweeney	English
Mrs. Ruth Voss	Librarian
Mr. Paul Waaramaa	Social Studies-Driver Education
Miss Jean Warden	Physical Education
Mrs. Marjorie Weed	Art
Mrs. Harriet Campbell	Math

Faculty Resignations:

Mr. William Fitzgerald
Mrs. Margaret Nadauld
Mr. Eugene Paquin
Mr. Walter Robb, Jr.
Miss Carol Sisson
Miss Mary Woods

Faculty Appointments:

Mrs. Ruth Bigelow
Mrs. Judith Robbins
Mr. Richard Auger
Mrs. Harriet Campbell
Miss Jean Warden
Mr. Jeffrey Allard
Miss Linda Gosselin
Miss Arlene LaFlash
Miss Patricia Morrissey

FACULTY – UPTON MEMORIAL GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOL

Mrs. Evelyn Carbrello	Mrs. Doris Loukes
Mrs. Dorothy Carter	Miss Priscilla Messinger
Mrs. Kathryn Craib	Mr. Frederick Milligan
Mrs. Helen Donham	Mr. Robert Nigro
Mrs. Thyra Eastman	Miss Elaine Porter
Mr. Richard Grady	Mrs. Sandra Ray
Mrs. Kathryn Israelsen	Mrs. Myrna Seyfarth
Mrs. Constance Knauber	Mrs. Agnes Whipple

Mrs. Mary Kottis
Miss Rachel Langlais

Mrs. Joanna Workman
Miss Carolyn Wright

Faculty Resignations:
Mrs. Margaret Archibald
Mrs. Joan Aronson
Mrs. Katherine Colton
Mrs. Carla Pashko
Mrs. Diane Evans

Faculty Appointments:
Mrs. Kathryn Israelsen
Mrs. Sandra Ray
Mrs. Myrna Seyfarth
Miss Rachel Langlais
Mr. Richard Grady

FACULTY — HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Ruth Burrill
Miss Anita Espanet
Mrs. Diane Evans
Mrs. Grace Hutchinson
Mrs. Pearl Kimball
Miss Mary Kirby
Mr. Daniel Malloy

Mr. William McCabe
Mrs. Barbara Randall
Mrs. Frances Rehfeld
Mrs. Lorna Rhodes
Mrs. Frances Sanborn
Mrs. Helen Thomas
Mrs. Catherine Whelen

Mrs. Alyce Youngson

Faculty Resignation:
Mrs. Gladys Burke (Retired)

Faculty Appointment:
Mrs. Diane Evans

CUSTODIANS

Mr. William Hazard
Mr. George Menard
Mr. William Roche
Mr. Wayne Phipps

Mr. Bruno Ragaini
Mr. Everett Goodnow
Mr. Donald Coburn
Mr. Paul Ostrosky

Mr. Alec Yones

CAFETERIA STAFF

Mrs. Virginia Rogers
Mrs. Myrtle Garrett
Mrs. Vera Glidden
Mrs. Nancy Wagner

Mrs. Olive Francis
Mrs. Gail Hixon
Mrs. Joan Marchand
Mrs. Beverly Orff

Mrs. Shirley Phipps
Mrs. Sonja Pearson
Mrs. Marie Oliver
Mrs. Eunice Porter

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1969—1970

Fall Term, Sixteen Weeks:

Term begins Wednesday, September 3, 1969

Term ends Tuesday, December 23, 1969

Winter Term, Seven Weeks:

Term begins Monday, January 5, 1970

Term ends Friday, February 13, 1970

Spring Term, Eight Weeks:

Term begins Monday, February 23, 1970

Term ends Friday, April 17, 1970

Summer Term, Eight Weeks:

Term begins Monday, April 27, 1970

Term ends Wednesday, June 24, 1970

High School Graduation: June 11, 1970

All Schools Close: June 24, 1970

Holidays:

Columbus Day, October 13, 1969

Teachers' Convention, November 7, 1969

Veterans Day, November 11, 1969

Thanksgiving, November 27-28, 1969

Christmas, December 25, 1969

New Year's, January 1, 1970

Good Friday, March 27, 1970

Memorial Day, May 25, 1970

Age of Admission to Schools:

To be admitted to Grade 1, a child must be five years old on or before January 1st preceding the opening of school in September. No child will be admitted to Grade 1 for the first time after October 15th.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL CENSUS

The annual census and distribution of school attending children was taken October 1969. This includes all residents of the Town of Mendon and the Town of Upton attending local or other than local schools. This tabulation also includes children attending kindergarten who have not as yet reached five years of age and children attending high school or vocational schools who are beyond the age of sixteen.

Distribution of school attending children, residents of the Town of Mendon and the Town of Upton as of October 1, 1969:

	MENDON			UPTON		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Special Class	1	3	4	1	3	4
Grade I	31	36	67	36	32	68
Grade II	26	25	51	45	41	86
Grade III	28	27	55	36	38	74
Grade IV	26	28	54	36	35	71
Grade V	21	30	51	41	35	76
Grade VI	31	27	58	37	37	74
			<u>340</u>			<u>453</u>

Nipmuc Regional High School

Grade VII	35	31	66	40	37	77
Grade VIII	28	22	50	31	43	74
Grade IX	25	25	50	30	33	63
Grade X	20	32	52	31	35	66
Grade XI	29	16	45	21	33	54
Grade XII	10	27	37	22	24	46
			<u>300</u>			<u>380</u>

	Mendon	Upton	
Total number in Public Schools	640	833	1473
Total number in Special Schools	3	3	6
Total number in Vocational Schools	15	24	39
Total number in Private Schools	19	33	52
Total number in Private Kindergarten	18	29	<u>47</u>

Grand Total School Attending Children: 1617

REPORT OF THE MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Towns of Mendon and Upton:

The year 1969 has been an exceptionally busy and at times a frustrating one for your committee. Although beset with many problems and disappointments we feel we have overcome the majority of them to the satisfaction of all concerned.

This is our first full year of operation as a K-12 District. Regionalization of kindergarten through grade 12 has started to show some benefits such as one school committee instead of four, one Teachers' Association contract instead of three, one cafeteria workers contract instead of three, 100% reimbursement on all regular school bus contracts and increased State Aid in other areas due to regionalization.

The death of our late Superintendent, Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, in February was deeply felt by your committee. The excellent cooperation of Mr. Wilho Frigard, Principal, and Mr. Anthony Gulla, Assistant Principal, in cheerfully accepting additional work loads and longer hours helped us considerably while we were in the process of engaging a new superintendent.

We screened approximately thirty applications for this position and finally reduced this number to eight. Each of the eight were interviewed, some more than once, before we made our final selection. All of the applicants presented excellent records and recommendations. Your committee feels the selection of Mr. Gordon B. Allan was a wise one and hope you all concur.

Mr. Allan came to work for us at a time that would discourage most men. We were in the midst of budget preparation, teacher contract negotiations, teacher resignations, school site investigations, school session and curtailed curriculum discussions, etc. Mr. Allan has proven himself capable of working under such conditions and is continually striving toward a better program.

Early in the year we felt we had finally found a suitable site for a new school. The Pleasant Street site in Upton met with all State Department of Public Health and Department of Education requirements. However, at special Town Meetings called for the pur-

pose of acquiring this land we were once again disappointed by the refusal of one Town to accept our recommendation. We were disappointed but not discouraged and immediately requested our Site Committee (Mr. Paul V. Swanson, Chairman, Mr. James Wheeler, Mr. Noyes Bridgham, Mr. Arthur Johnson) to investigate other property. We are hopeful that we will be able to present another site for consideration by the time of the annual Town Meetings in March 1970.

We are faced with several problems directly related to lack of adequate classroom space. We are required by State mandate to implement kindergarten by September 1973. We do not have space in present school buildings in Upton and available space in Mendon is dwindling due to increased enrollment and projected kindergarten enrollment figures. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get State approval to operate on two sessions of school per day. If we can not show concrete evidence of a solution we stand a good chance of losing a large portion of State Aid.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the administrative staff, teaching staff, and all other school employees for their cooperation under existing conditions. We would also like to thank the Selectmen, Finance Committee members, and citizens of both towns for their support and cooperation. We hope that with this same spirit of civic pride, 1970 will be a year of action on a new school and the answer to some of our most pressing problems.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD L. CHILDS, Chairman
RICHARD G. HOWARTH, Vice Chairman
MRS. NANCY BRADLEY
MR. RICHARD FERRUCCI
MRS. MARJARIE McLAUGHLIN
MR. JERALD RICE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Mendon-Upton Regional School Committee
and the Citizens of Mendon and Upton:

The year 1969 has been a year of many milestones for the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. On January 1, 1969 the district absorbed responsibility for operating the elementary schools of Mendon and Upton as a complete K-12 regional school district. The "K" designation reminds us of our legal obligation to begin operating a kindergarten program within the next three years. For the present, "Mendon-Upton" includes the Henry P. Clough School serving grades 1-6 in Mendon, the George S. Ball School in Upton housing the first grade, the Upton Memorial School serving grades 2-6, and Nipmuc Regional High School providing secondary education for grades 7-12.

In February the district was saddened at the passing of Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, first and only superintendent of schools since Nipmuc opened in 1960. Temporary administrative arrangements saw Mr. Wilho Frigard serving as acting superintendent and Mr. Anthony Gulla temporarily administering the principal's office at Nipmuc Regional High School.

The undersigned was honored to be selected to serve as educational leader of the school system in early summer and began work at Mendon-Upton Regional School District while closing out a period of service in southern New Hampshire. With all of the changes noted, it is hoped that a reasonable continuity of service was provided.

This has been the year when a reluctant decision was made to operate the High School on two non-overlapping short sessions each day. High school grades 9-12 attend school from 7:30-12:30 and enjoy a reasonably complete program including extra-curricular activities such as sports and clubs. Junior high grades 7-8 attend school from 12:30-5:00 and receive a basic curriculum without home economics or industrial arts, limited use of library, little physical education, art and music for some. Approval to operate a reduced school day requires annual authorization from the State Department of Education. A condition of that approval is a statement of community effort to remedy the school housing problem. For 1969 total regionalization and removal of restriction on school location was accepted as a satisfactory statement of progress. Renewal of approval will require substantial progress toward the start of a new school in 1970.

The school reports of a year ago all refer to the urgent need for additional school space. An attempt to acquire a school site was made in 1969. The search goes on, aided by the efforts of the Building Site Committee who have recommended putting together several small but desirable parcels of land which might be exchanged for one single piece of property from the Department of Natural Resources. As of this date conversations have been held, surveys and appraisals prepared, and a possible site accession through exchange seems to be a hopeful possibility.

This has been the year when administration and school committee have reviewed priorities and made some important commitments, both educational and operational. In order to do better what we are already doing, or to add needed programs and services, we have agreed:

1. To offer an organized library service at both the Memorial and Clough Schools. Staff time increased from ten to twenty-five hours weekly. Using a dollars-per-pupil formula a book acquisition program started with objective of fifteen books per pupil.
2. To institute a "helping teacher" program in grades with unusually large enrollment. In 1969 this was grade 1 at the Clough School.
3. To increase teaching time for the elementary music teacher to four and, next fall, to five days per week.
4. To add more teaching time in art education.
5. To coordinate existing pupil service activities (guidance, health, remedial reading, mentally handicapped, tutorial service to the blind) into a department of pupil personnel services. Added new service will be elementary counseling, later speech and hearing, learning disabilities service.
6. To add three teaching positions at the High School: social studies, math/science, transitional grade 7.

7. To improve elementary administration by strengthening the "head teacher" program and providing secretarial service in both towns.
8. To provide nursing service at all locations at least two hours daily.
9. To stimulate educational activity by the purchase of needed instructional equipment.
10. To improve the environment for learning by making existing facilities more attractive.
11. To develop long-range approaches to fiscal planning which builds a school budget around educational objectives—and then works toward those objectives over a period of years.
12. To encourage varied professional growth activities by staff members at all levels.
13. To work toward a pattern of organization built around the primary school (K-4), the middle school (5-8), and the high school (9-12).

These are active times for education in Mendon-Upton Regional School District, and we look forward to 1970 with anticipation.

Respectfully submitted,
GORDON B. ALLAN
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The most significant fact to be reported from the Nipmuc Regional High School is, of course, that double sessions for the entire school are now a fact. Since September grades nine through twelve have been attending school from 7:20 a.m. to 12:28 p.m., with the seventh and eighth grades in session from 12:30 to 4:54 p.m.

By having 40-minute periods (compared to 44 minutes in the past), it is possible to offer the same program of studies and extra-curricular activities at the high school level as in the past. In the afternoon session for the seventh and eighth grades, we have a six-period day. Five of these periods are devoted to academic activities, with the additional period being utilized to offer a limited extra-curricular program. At this time, the junior high school pupils have an opportunity to participate in band three times per week, chorus two times per week, and eighty youngsters are taking advantage of a one-period-per-week elective program of art. There is no physical education program for the seventh and eighth grades; but many boys and girls, by arriving at school approximately an hour early on one or two days per week, do have the opportunity to participate in an intramural athletic program.

In looking ahead to next September, we are planning to broaden the curriculum in the high school by adding a teacher in the social studies department and a combination science-mathematics teacher for an expansion in those two departments. Also, we are planning to employ a "transitional" teacher to work specifically with those youngsters who have difficulty adjusting to the work in the seventh grade. This teacher will give concentrated attention to correcting the weaknesses of these pupils; so that they will not feel lost and become discouraged and thus lose interest in school.

We must not lose sight of the fact, though, that double sessions are educationally unsatisfactory. All pupils are receiving decreased educational dividends. Class instruction time has been shortened in order to provide as complete a program as possible. A four-minute cut in class periods does not seem much at first glance; but it has serious implications over a period of time. Over a 180-day school year, a four-minute loss of time in a single period will amount to twelve hours. When this loss is determined for an average class load of five, the total number of hours missed by each pupil in a year adds up to a very significant loss of valuable class time.

Added losses in the afternoon session make the situation even more serious. We have no physical education program for the seventh graders, no general music, no home economics or industrial arts. Very limited use of the library during the afternoon is a serious detriment. In addition, the afternoon session is not conducive to a desirable teaching-learning situation. Most of the seventh and eighth graders, after a morning of normal out-of-school activity, find it difficult to settle down to an academic routine.

Too many youngsters have already been "short-changed" in their education due to double-sessions. More delay will just dilute even more the quality of education on the secondary level in our school district.

Respectfully submitted,
WILHO FRIGARD, Principal

AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 1969 GRADUATION EXERCISES

1. The D.A.R. Good Citizenship Certificate to Janet Porter.
2. The Student Government Day Representative Certificate to the student elected to represent Nipmuc Regional High School at the annual Student Government Day at the State House to William Hackenson.
3. The American Legion School Award given by the Roger L. Wood Post of Mendon to Kathy Fagan.
4. Ella Whitney Risteen Awards of \$25.00 each to the boy and girl who have made the greatest progress in terms of total growth and development to Christopher May and Linda Bishop.
5. French Club scholarship of \$100.00 to Kathy Fagan
6. Future Teachers of America scholarship of \$50.00 to Elaine Barrows.
7. Future Nurses of America scholarship of \$50.00 to Linda Hebert.
8. Future Business Leaders of America scholarship of \$25 00 to Deborah Rhodes.

9. Upton Grange scholarships of \$50.00 each to Kenneth Lemoine and Rita Pellerin.
10. Upton Women's Club scholarship of \$100.00 to Karen Sanborn.
11. Scholarships of \$75.00 each to Karleen Barrows and Alfred Perron, awarded by the George L. Wood Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Upton.
12. Upton Kiwanis Club Waldo Graton scholarship of \$150.00 to Kenneth Lemoine.
13. Upton Bloomer Girls scholarships of \$100.00 each to Rita Pellerin and Michael Matthews.
14. Scholarships of \$70.00 each to Marianne Zajac and Michael Matthews, awarded by the Sakatumi, the junior high school newspaper.
15. A \$150.00 scholarship known as the Kenneth L. Sharp Memorial Scholarship to Cathi Carter.
16. Mendon-Upton Elementary Teachers scholarships of \$250.00 each to Sheila Lee and Rita Pellerin.
17. Mendon-Upton Regional Teachers Association scholarships to the following graduates in the amounts indicated:

Elaine Barrows	\$100.00	Wayne Phipps	\$100.00
Karleen Barrows	\$100.00	Janet Porter	\$100.00
Barbara Davenport	\$100.00	Harriet Wiersma	\$100.00
William Hackenson	\$100.00	Cathi Carter	\$150.00
Linda Hebert	\$100.00	Linda Smith	\$200.00
Kenneth Lemoine	\$100.00	Alfred Perron	\$500.00*

* Henry P. Clough Scholarship

MENDON—UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY DIVISION

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

It is a pleasure to submit my Sixth Annual Report as Supervisor of Elementary Schools.

It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do.

We have always had the strength to do things and we now have the great strength to decide on what to do.

Our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Gordon B. Allan, immediately upon assuming his position as school head, contacted his administrative staff in order to form an Administrative Council. Meeting on a weekly basis the council evaluated and re-evaluated the direction in which our School District should go. Decisions were made, priorities established and finally recommendations were made to the school board.

Agreement was reached in principle that our school organization should be on a K-4 Elementary; 5-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School. The Elementary Supervisor and the High School Principal attended a two-day seminar on the Middle School in Nyack, New York to obtain sophisticated information in regard to curriculum and organization. Many school people from all over the United States participated in the seminar and were duly impressed by the success of the Middle School organization. Set up properly, curriculum design reaches students. We certainly feel that the Middle School organization will meet the needs of our students. Specific information will be released at a later date.

Our curriculum goals in our concept of school organization is to provide instruction on an individualized basis and allow students to broaden their educational pursuits in as many areas as possible.

Music education has been expanded and increased in structure and goals. The Instrumental Music Supervisor is scheduled in each elementary school every day. Students meet twice weekly at the High School for band rehearsals. We are also happy to report that

the band members are provided bus transportation home after rehearsals. Playing an instrument teaches an exact skill and highly motivates students. Participating in such a program broadens the child's horizon and creates a well-balanced educational program.

Our Vocal Music Program also has been given a boost. Students now have the opportunity to meet once a week at the High School for rehearsals. The music teacher is now working four days per week. Increased time makes the music teacher's services more available and on a longer period basis. The program now provides music theory, appreciation, note reading and chorus. Chorus members are also transported home after rehearsals.

Library services have been increased and will rapidly expand to provide a better than adequate school library system. The librarian is now servicing all elementary schools. Title II ESEA funds from the Federal Government were received to increase our volumes. Curriculum grade books were recently purchased for both libraries. The librarian will spend fifteen hours in Upton and ten hours in Mendon. Pupils in the entire elementary system will be able to take books out on loan, do research either independently or by groups. Teachers will be able to request book and instructional resources from the librarian thereby creating a coordinated effort in planning lessons.

The Mendon-Upton Regional School District received a \$14,000.00 grant from the Federal Government (Title I ESEA) to conduct a summer reading program for pupils in grades 1-3 and students in grades 9-10. Significant advances were made in the program and all involved in the project feel the program should continue.

A department of Pupil Personnel Services has been created and will be in full operation in September. The new department will coordinate guidance, health, special education, remedial reading, speech and hearing. A major gain for the elementary schools under this newly created department will be in the employment of an elementary counselor in September, to provide a vital service to pupils on an individual and group basis. We plan to have the services of a speech and hearing teacher the following year. Also planned is the strengthening of our special education program. Pupil Personnel Services are vital to the successful operation of a school. If pupils have problems in speech or hearing or have per-

sonal problems, learning does not take place. It is our responsibility to provide services to our children that create maximum learning situations.

Physical appearances of school plants are important to the teaching and learning environment. Our superintendent has taken the necessary steps to provide plants of which we can all be proud. Painting inside and outside, carpeting, hard topping, shelving, cabinets, proper draining, functional electrical systems, correction of burner problems have truly initiated the types of school environments that lifts the morale of both staff and students. We have a nagging roof problem in Upton that we must take a good hard look at in the spring. We have a great deal of money invested in our public buildings and we intend to bring them back in top condition.

To give adequate coverage in the elementary schools a secretary has been employed for the Henry P. Clough School four hours daily until June, then full time in September. This is a significant gain as it allows the Elementary Supervisor more time to work with teachers and pupils.

Our Parent-Teacher organizations have been great to us. I can say in all sincerity that our P.T.A.'s are vitally interested in the education of our children and have supported our endeavors with great enthusiasm.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, faculty and townspeople for their efforts, accomplishments and continued support to provide the best possible education for our children.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD M. SOTER
Supervisor of Elementary Schools

CONSOLIDATED CAFETERIA FINANCIAL REPORT

On January 1, 1969 cafeterias in Mendon, Upton and Nipmuc Regional High School were consolidated. There were no balances carried forward for Mendon and Upton elementary cafeterias.

The following represents the combined financial report for the year 1969.

Cash Balance January 1, 1969 (1,363.15)

RECEIPTS

Cafeteria Sales	43,819.01
USDA Claim Checks	14,192.82
Other Receipts	954.85
Appropriation	<u>3,539.33</u>

Net Receipts \$ 61,142.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Food and Milk	30,678.92
Labor	25,501.94
Other Expense	2,375.07
Equipment	<u>59.33</u>

Net Disbursements \$ 58,615.26

Balance January 1, 1970 \$ 2,527.60

FINANCIAL REPORT December 31, 1969

	Budget 1969	Expenditures	Balance
General Control	\$ 28,825.00	\$ 28,654.66	\$ 170.34
Expense of Instruction	664,590.35	664,589.10	1.25
Operation School Plant	72,061.00	72,054.40	6.60
Maintenance	23,406.00	23,404.91	1.09
Transportation	119,913.84	119,906.20	7.64
Health Services	9,150.00	9,065.07	84.93
Acquisition Equip.	2,592.40	2,406.50	185.90
Fixed Charges	17,586.00	17,231.27	354.73
Other Expense	<u>11,530.00</u>	<u>11,360.54</u>	<u>169.46</u>
TOTAL	\$949,654.59	\$948,672.65	\$ 981.94

REPORT OF TREASURER December 31, 1969

Cash Balance January 1, 1969 \$ 88,218.36

RECEIPTS:

Town Assessments:	
Upton	542,620.00

Mendon	399,589.65
State Reimbursements	148,865.40
Nat'l Defense Ed. Act Grants	745.64
Interest	898.20
Net Inc. in School Lunch Program	3,890.75
Net Inc. in School Special Funds	826.43
Miscellaneous	8,622.92

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operation Expense	\$ 968,373.07
Debt Service — Principal	60,000.00
— Interest	24,650.00
Net Decrease in School Athletic Fund	165.32

Cash Balance January 1, 1970	<u>141,088.96</u>
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\$1,194,277.35	\$1,194,277.35
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BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1969

ASSETS:

Home National Bank	\$121,503.36	
Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	<u>19,585.60</u>	
Total Cash		\$141,088.96

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

Federal Grants	\$ 6,956.27	
Title I	675.93	
Vocational Education Grant	504.30	
Revolving Funds	837.39	
Athletic Fund	353.65	
Cafeteria	2,527.60	
Surplus Revenue	<u>129,233.82</u>	
Total		\$141,088.96

FIXED DEBT

Mendon-Upton Regional School District Bond:
4 1/4% dated July 1, 1959:

Original Issue:	\$1,150,000.00
Matured to date:	<u>600,000.00</u>
Balance Due	\$ 550,000.00

REPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Regular School Committee meetings are held at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

During the year of 1969 the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee held eleven regular meetings and four special meetings.

1. Enrollment

At the beginning of 1969, 108 boys were in the junior class, 107 in the sophomore class and 106 were in the freshman class. The number of students in each of the departments was as follows: 34 in Auto Body, 34 in Auto Mechanics, 36 in Mill and House Carpentry, 38 in Drafting, 39 in Electronics, 73 in Machine Shop, 38 in Metal Fabrication and 29 in Plant Maintenance.

In the Fall of 1968 the School Committee voted to build an addition that would make it possible to admit more students in September of 1969. The new wing contains four shops, six classrooms, a technical drawing room, a communication skills center, and a guidance office. This will increase our capacity from 360 to 520 pupils and will allow us to accept about 160 freshmen in September of 1970.

In September we started our fourth year of operation with 104 seniors, 103 juniors, 99 sophomores, and 132 freshmen for a total of 438 pupils. The number of boys from each of the Towns was as follows: 36 from Bellingham, 24 from Blackstone, 18 from Douglas, 52 from Grafton, 25 from Hopedale, 12 from Mendon, 69 from Milford, 57 from Millbury, 5 from Millville, 52 from Northbridge, 24 from Sutton, 21 from Upton, and 43 from Uxbridge.

MENDON STUDENTS

Class of 1970

NAME	COURSE
Thompson, Andrew J.	Drafting
Burnham, George H., Jr.	Electronics
Woupio, Allen L.	Drafting

Class of 1971

Shapley, Bruce B.	Machine Shop
Leoncini, Louis A. III	Plant Maintenance

Class of 1972

Hoggarth, Gary N.	Metal Fabrication
Auty, William A.	Electrical
Crane, David A.	Electrical

Class of 1973

Daige, Michael J.	Carpentry
Good, Gary R.	Graphic Arts
Kempton, Paul A.	Auto Body
Nealley, Mark R.	Plant Maintenance

Total Mendon Students: 12

The success of the school so far has exceeded the fondest dreams of the committee and the first graduates of the school in June of this year will undoubtedly make the town of Mendon proud to be a part in furthering the vocational education of the mid-Massachusetts area.

Respectfully submitted,
GERARD SWEENEY
Member of Committee
for the Town of Mendon

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES BY TOWNS FOR 1970

Town	1970 Operating Expenses	1970 Capital Assessment	1970 Total	* Income Chapter 779	Net Cost to Town
Bellingham	\$ 45,775.00	\$ 6,980.00	\$ 52,755.00	\$56,482.53	\$ 3,727.53
Blackstone	29,245.00	4,053.00	33,298.00	25,309.04	7,988.96
Douglas	22,888.00	2,766.00	25,654.00	9,563.19	16,090.81
Grafton	64,848.00	9,319.00	74,167.00	43,779.11	30,387.89
Hopedale	31,788.00	4,359.00	36,147.00	13,614.20	22,532.80
Mendon	15,259.00	1,918.00	17,177.00	10,614.53	6,562.47
Milford	87,735.00	13,527.00	101,262.00	36,171.92	65,090.08
Millbury	68,662.00	10,709.00	79,371.00	43,776.15	35,594.85
Millville	6,357.00	1,055.00	7,412.00	5,801.15	1,610.85
Northbridge	66,119.00	9,693.00	75,812.00	41,560.45	34,251.55
Sutton	30,516.00	4,384.00	34,900.00	19,343.82	15,556.18
Upton	26,702.00	3,689.00	30,391.00	15,809.21	14,581.79
Uxbridge	54,676.00	7,548.00	62,224.00	28,334.75	33,889.25

TOTALS \$550,570.00 \$80,000.00 \$630,570.00

*Chapter 779 Acts of 1967

Each town in a regional school district shall continue to receive such state aid for educational purposes as it would be entitled to receive if such district had not been formed; and in addition to such state aid, the state treasurer shall pay annually to each town in a regional school district an amount equal to fifteen percent of the amount of school aid determined to be due such town under the provisions of Chapter 70.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Citizens of Mendon:

For the year 1970 your Finance Committee recommends that the sum of \$712,451.00 be raised and appropriated at the annual town meeting. This includes \$695,486.00 for Article 4 Appropriations and \$16,965.00 for Special Articles. Available and Special Funds amount to \$33,926.00, leaving a balance of \$678,525.00 to be raised by tax levy. This represents an increase of \$69,809.00 (11%) over 1969. The major changes are explained under the budget review section of this report.

During 1969 the Finance Committee conducted a wage survey of the town's hourly paid employees. The results indicated that, with the exception of the full time police officers, Mendon was still paying lower wages than other towns of similar size. For this reason we are recommending a two step increase in hourly wages. The first step was to bring hourly rates by job classification up to the survey average. The second step was to recommend a 5% across the board increase. These increases apply to all hourly paid and full time employees effective April 1, 1970. The approximate cost to the Town will amount to \$5,000.00 annually.

In previous years Available Funds have been used for financing the State and County's share of Chapter 90 Construction. However, these projects have fallen steadily behind to the point that we now have \$45,176.00 of unexpended funds dating back to 1966 tied up. This situation caused our 1970 Available Funds to drop from a five year average of \$46,000.00 down to \$20,021.00. As a result we were forced to recommend that the 1970 State and County's share of Chapter 90 Construction be raised by borrowing. We feel that it is imperative that these projects be completed in order to free these restricted funds and therefor recommend that as many future projects as possible be put out for bid to avoid a recurrence of this condition.

Of the \$5,000.00 Reserve Fund appropriated in 1969, \$4,818.43 was transferred and is included in the 1969 expenditures of the departments enumerated below:

Interest on Temporary Loans	\$1,120.49
Police Department Wages	794.48
Highway Dept., General Repair Exp.	782.39
Town Hall Renovations	596.40
Tree Warden Expense	587.90
Dog Officer Expense	391.55
Fire Department Wages	300.00
Seven Other Departments	<u>245.22</u>
Total Transfers	<u>\$4,818.43</u>

BUDGET REVIEW – ARTICLE 4

In reviewing Article 4, all comparisons are between the 1970 recommended figures and the 1969 appropriated figures. In order to avoid needless detail only major changes will be commented on.

General Government:

Elections and Registration provide for Primary and State elections not held in 1969. Town Hall Wages include \$400 in clerical wages to cover peak work loads in the Assessor's and Tax Collector's Departments.

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department Wages include \$2,200 for the answering service which was formerly classified in the Expense category. \$1,560 represents three months wages for the third full time man who was only employed for nine months in 1969. Cruiser trade-in is recommended for late 1970. At that time it will be eighteen months old and have over 100,000 miles on it. The Conservation Commission budget includes \$500 for weed control at Lake Nipmuc.

Highways:

The amount budgeted to the General Repair account in 1969 proved to be inadequate to meet normal and emergency projects. For this reason, together with anticipated repairs to be made on the highway building, we are recommending an increase of \$2,700. The \$3,500 increase in the Snow Removal Account is due to a 20% rise in the cost of hired equipment and the severe conditions encountered this winter. Equipment Purchases recommended for 1970 are replacement of the International pick-up and three snow plows. These recommendations were made in keeping with a planned rotation of all the heavy equipment.

Schools:

Mendon's share of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District budget was \$47,811 higher than 1969. This is after reducing the budget with \$10,863 of unexpended funds from prior years. The Blackstone Valley Vocational School District budget increased \$6,911 over last year due primarily to a drop in government reimbursements. Of the \$73,775 increase in Article 4, \$54,722 (75%) is attributable to school budgets.

Maturing Debt and Interest:

\$1,900 of the \$2,262 increase in this category is interest on temporary loans. Center School and the Town Beach Loan have a remaining life of five years.

SPECIAL ARTICLES

Article 5: Unpaid Bills of Prior Years

We recommend that the sum of \$24.26 be appropriated to pay the Town Clerk for unpaid bills of the Board of Elections and Registration Expense Account for the year 1968. This requires a 4/5ths vote.

Article 6: North Avenue and Route 16 Intersection Project

This amount will cover excavation of land, relocating the stone wall and landscaping. Drivers proceeding across Route 16 from North Avenue will be provided with a better view easterly on Route 16. We recommend that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated for this project.

Article 7: Main Street Drainage

The State grant under Chapter 768, Section 5, of the Acts of 1969 provides funds for the reconstruction, maintenance and repair of highways and bridges, and for the enforcement of traffic laws. Funds provided for under this grant will be used for the reconstruction of the drainage system on Main Street. We recommend that the sum of \$8,204.28 be appropriated for this project.

Article 8: Bates Street Reconstruction

The State grant under Chapter 768, Section 4, of the Acts of 1969 will be used to continue the reconstruction project on Bates Street which was instituted in 1967. We recommend that the sum of \$2,734.76 be appropriated for this project.

Article 9: Purchase and Installation of Traffic Signs

This article is to provide funds for the purchase and installation of speed control signs from the Upton town line down North Avenue, Main Street and Providence Road to the Blackstone town line. We recommend that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 10: Northbridge Road Drainage

At the present time heavy rains are causing flooding conditions on a section of Northbridge Road. To eliminate this hazardous situation existing drainage pipe must be replaced with a larger size. We therefor recommend that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated for this project.

In closing we wish to thank the town officials and department heads for their cooperation and assistance during the past year. We urge you, the voters and taxpayers, to attend the Annual Town Meeting and bring this report with you.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL N. BARNES, Chairman
EMERSON F. WHITE, Vice-Chairman
WILLIAM F. OBER, Clerk
THOMAS P. GUERRA
ARTHUR F. JOHNSON
RAYMOND H. GRANT
ROBERT E. BREWER

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN TOWN FINANCE

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meetings. These definitions are provided in order to give you a better understanding of their meaning:

SURPLUS REVENUE:

This fund, often referred to as "Excess & Deficiency" (E & D) represents the amount by which the Cash, Accounts Receivable and other assets exceed the liabilities and reserves.

AVAILABLE FUNDS:

A fund, often referred to as "Free Cash", certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts by deducting from Surplus Revenue all uncollected taxes for prior years and overdrawn accounts. This fund may be used by a vote of the Town Meeting.

RESERVE FUND:

This fund is established by the voters at the annual town meeting and may be composed of the following: 1) an appropriation not exceeding 5% of the preceding year's tax levy; 2) money appropriated from Overlay Reserve; or 3) both. Transfers from the Reserve Fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance Committee and are for "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures."

STABILIZATION FUND:

A special account created to provide a reserve for capital expenditures. Under certain conditions the State will match sums taken from this Fund during the first year only; and in amounts up to a maximum of \$100,000. This Fund reduces the Bonding costs for Mendon.

OVERLAY:

The overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted and avoid fractions when establishing the tax rate.

OVERLAY RESERVE:

This is the accumulated amount of the Overlay for various years not used or required to be held in the specific Overlay account for a given year. It may be used by vote of the town for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures or voted into the Reserve Fund.

ROAD MACHINERY FUND: (An Income Account)

The Town charges for municipally owned equipment used on State (Chapter 81 & 90) reimbursed work. This charge is based upon acceptable rates set by the Mass. D.P.W. and covers such equipment as trucks, backhoes and rollers. The income is then deposited into this account. These funds are later appropriated to the Road Machinery Account.

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT:

This is an Expense Account and is used only for payment of operating and maintenance expenses of highway department equipment.

CHAPTER 90 FUNDS:

These funds are spent for highway construction and maintenance with the cooperation of the town, county and State Department of Public Works. The shares for new construction are: Town 25%; County 25%; and State 50%. Maintenance projects are shared equally, one-third each.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
ARTICLE 4
BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Item No.	Expended		Recom- mended
	1968	1969	1970
General Government – 3.5% of Total			
Moderator:			
1. Salary	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
2. Expense	—0—	12	20
3. Finance Committee Expense	103	64	125
Selectmen:			
4. Salaries	1,000	1,113	1,300
5. Expense	435	364	400
Town Accountant:			
6. Salary	700	775	800
7. Expense	72	65	100
Treasurer:			
8. Salary	1,500	1,500	1,500
9. Expense	631	708	1,000
Tax Collector:			
10. Salary	1,200	1,313	1,350
11. Expense	798	821	950
Assessors:			
12. Salaries	1,045	1,200	1,200
13. Expense	335	639	950
Town Counsel:			
14. Salary	50	29	50
15. Expense	575	642	650
Town Clerk:			
16. Salary	450	488	500
17. Expense	223	624	700
Elections & Registrations:			
18. Salaries & Wages	1,411	860	1,400
19. Expense	482	533	700
20. Planning Board Expense	54	152	325
21. Industrial Development Commission Expense	10	170	300
Town Hall:			
22. Salaries & Wages	4,195	4,370	5,100
23. Expense	1,064	1,239	1,375
24. Furniture & Equipment	468	1,234	800
25. Tax Title Foreclosure	—0—	—0—	100
26. Heat & Light, Town Buildings	2,178	2,493	2,800
TOTAL	\$19,004	\$21,433	\$24,520

Item No.	Expended 1968	Expended 1969	Recom- mended 1970
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Protection of Persons & Property — 8.3% of Total

Police Department:			
27. Salaries & Wages	\$22,802	\$27,789	\$33,000
28. Expense	5,015	8,253	6 250
29. Cruiser Trade-In	2,000	2,658	2,600
Fire Department:			
30. Salaries & Wages	2,662	2,897	2,975
31. Expense	2,099	2,224	2 250
32. Equipment	992	1,137	1,200
Dog Officer:			
33. Salary	60	60	60
34. Expense	973	1,346	1,425
Civil Defense:			
35. Salary	100	100	100
36. Expense	100	9	250
37. Auxiliary Police Expense	243	407	400
38. Constable Salaries	60	60	60
39. Board of Appeals Expense	-0-	-0-	25
Wiring Inspector:			
40. Salaries	200	200	200
41. Expense	-0-	-0-	35
42. Gas Inspector Salary	25	25	25
Tree Warden:			
43. Wages	1,313	656	750
44. Expense	1,600	2,135	2,050
45. Insect Pest Control	800	800	800
46. Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,300	1,300	1,300
47. Additional Spraying, Including Mosquito	900	900	900
48. Conservation Comm. Expense	-0-	-0-	700
TOTAL	\$43,244	\$52,956	\$57,355

Health & Sanitation — 1.2% of Total

Board of Health			
49. Salaries & Wages	\$ 570	\$ 741	\$ 725
50. Expense	947	1,322	4,950
51. Town Dump	2,100	2,400	2,700
TOTAL	\$ 3,617	\$ 4,463	\$ 8 375

Item No.	Expended 1968	Expended 1969	Recom- mended 1970
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Highways — 12.4% of Total

General Repairs:			
52. Wages	\$ 4,402	\$ 4,696	\$ 5,500
53. Expense	1,193	2,744	4,000
Chapter 81:	(1)		
54. Town's Share	3,700	3,700	3,700
55. State's Share	(2) 10,175	10,175	10,175
Chapter 90 Maintenance:	(1)		
56. Town's Share	1,700	1,999	2,000
57. State & County Share	3,400	4,000	4,000
Chapter 90 Construction:	(1)		
58. Town's Share	1,162	1,795	4,000
59. State & County Share	3,484	5,385	12,000
Snow Removal:			
60. Wages	4,742	7,774	8,500
61. Expense	9,168	14,731	16,500
62. Road Machinery Account	4,438	5,648	6,500
63. Equipment Purchase	(1) 7,673	7,744	7,500
64. Street Lights	1,299	1,472	1,700
(1) To be voted individually			
(2) From Available Funds			
TOTAL	\$56,536	\$71,863	\$86,075

Veteran's Benefits — 1.7% of Total

Administration:			
65. Salary	\$ 450	\$ 488	\$ 500
66. Expense	6	21	100
67. Aid To Veterans	9,929	8,744	11,000
TOTAL	\$10,385	\$ 9,253	\$11,600

Charities

Welfare Services (Assumed by the State July 1, 1969)	\$34,420.	\$ —0—	\$ —0—
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Item No.	Expended 1968	Expended 1969	Recom- mended 1970
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Schools — 66.8% of Total

Mendon-Upton School District:

68.	Operating Costs	\$332,334	\$378,612	\$427,016
69.	Capital Costs	21,761	20,978	20,385

Blackstone Valley Voc. Sch. Dist.

70.	Operating Costs	4,978	7,893	15,259
71.	Capital Costs	1,630	2,373	1,918
	TOTAL	\$360,703	\$409,856	\$464,578

Library — .5% of Total

Taft Public Library:

72.	Salaries & Wages (Including Library Aid of \$517)	\$ 1,453	\$ 1,636	\$ 1,800
73.	Expense (Including Dog License Refund of \$294)	1,243	1,116	1,900
	TOTAL	\$ 2,696	\$ 2,752	\$ 3,700

Parks & Recreation — .7% of Total

Park Department:

74.	Wages	\$ 100	\$ 82	\$ 100
75.	Expense	974	1,048	1,150

Town Beach & Rec. Program

76.	Salaries & Wages	2,014	2,203	2,425
77.	Expense	1,434	1,010	1,050
	TOTAL	\$ 4,522	\$ 4,343	\$ 4,725

Pensions & Benefits — .9% of Total

78.	Worcester County Retire. Fund	\$ 3,896	\$ 4,693	\$ 4,883
79.	Group Insurance, Town Employees	2,077	1,223	1,500
80.	Group Insurance Administration	103	109	100
	TOTAL	\$ 6,076	\$ 6,025	\$ 6 483

Item No.	Expended 1968	Expended 1969	Recom- mended 1970
Unclassified — 1.4% of Total			
81. Town Reports	\$ 867	\$ 1,243	\$ 1,400
82. Memorial Day Observance	249	151	275
83. Soldiers' & Sailors' Graves	50	50	50
84. Insurance on Town Buildings	3,064	2,932	3,100
85. Reserve Fund			5,000
(Expended—1968 \$3,504)			
(Expended—1969 \$4,818)			
TOTAL	\$ 4,230	\$ 4,376	\$ 9,825
Public Service Enterprise — .3% of Total			
86. Water Department Expense	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,959	\$ 2,000
Maturing Debt & Interest — 2.3% of Total			
Maturing Debt:			
87. Center School Loan	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
88. Town Beach Loan	2,000	2,000	2,000
Water Loan	1,000	1,000	—0—
Interest on Maturing Debt:			
89. Center School Loan	1,260	1,080	900
90. Town Beach Loan	462	396	330
91. Fire Truck Loan	—0—	—0—	500
Water Loan	33	12	—0—
92. Interest On Temporary Loans	3,120	4,620	6,520
TOTAL	\$13,875	\$15,108	\$16,250
TOTAL ARTICLE 4	<u>\$561,016</u>	<u>\$604,387</u>	<u>\$695,486</u>

SUMMARY

	Appropriated 1969	Recommended 1970
ARTICLE 4:		
General Government	\$ 22,762	\$ 24,520
Protection of Persons & Property	52,005	57,355
Health & Sanitation	7,655	8,375
Highways	78,075	86,075
Veterans' Benefits	11,600	11,600
Schools	409,857	464,578
Library	2,900	3,700
Parks & Recreation	4,450	4,725
Pensions & Benefits	6,594	6,483
Unclassified	9,825	9,825
Public Service Enterprise	2,000	2,000
Maturing Debt & Interest	<u>13,988</u>	<u>16,250</u>
Total Article 4	\$621,711	\$695,486
SPECIAL ARTICLES:		
5. Unpaid bills, prior years		\$ 25
6. North Ave. & Rte. 16 Project		3,000
7. Main Street Drainage Project		8,205
8. Bates Street Reconstruction		2,735
9. Traffic Signs		1,000
10. Northbridge Road Drainage		<u>2,000</u>
Total Special Articles	\$ <u>56,993</u>	\$ <u>16,965</u>
TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS	\$678,704	\$712 451
LESS SPECIAL & AVAIL. FUNDS	<u>\$ 69,988</u>	<u>\$ 33,926</u>
BALANCE TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY	<u><u>\$608,716</u></u>	<u><u>\$678,525</u></u>

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the All Purpose Room of the Henry P. Clough School in said Mendon on Monday, the 23rd day of March, A.D. 1970, punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 2 and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Monday, the thirtieth day of March, A.D. 1970 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers.

One Town Clerk for one year
One Town Moderator for one year
One Selectman for three years
One Assessor for three years
One Tax Collector for three years
One Treasurer for three years
One Constable for three years
One Highway Surveyor for one year
One Tree Warden for one year
One Member of the Board of Health for three years
One Member of the Housing Authority for five years
One Trustee for the Taft Public Library for two years
One Park Commissioner for three years
One Park Commissioner for one year
One Water Commissioner for three years
One Member of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District for three years
One Member of the Planning Board for five years

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1970 and January 1, 1971, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be so authorized.

Article 3. To fix the salaries and compensations of the Elected Officers of the Town.

RECOMMEND that the Annual Salaries of the Elected Officers of the Town be fixed as follows: Moderator, \$25.00; Chairman of the Selectmen, \$450.00; Board Members, \$350.00 each; Treasurer, \$1,500.00; Tax Collector, \$1,350.00 plus fees; Town Clerk, \$500.00 plus fees; Assessors, \$375.00 each; Constables, \$20.00 each; Board of Health, \$75.00 each; and the Tree Warden be compensated at the rate of \$2.70 per hour; the Park Commissioners be compensated at the rate of \$2.30 per hour; and that all salaries and wages be effective as of April 1, 1970.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from Available Funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and to provide for a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year.

SEE "Budget Expenditures & Recommendations."

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$24.26 to pay the Town Clerk for unpaid bills of the Board of Elections & Registration Expense account for the year 1968.

RECOMMEND that \$24.26 be appropriated to pay unpaid bills of prior years.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to alleviate the existing traffic hazard at the intersection of North Avenue and Route 16.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated for reconstruction work at the intersection of North Avenue and Route 16.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,204.28 from the proceeds of Chapter 768, Section 5 of the Acts of 1969 for the reconstruction, maintenance and repair of highways and bridges, and for the enforcement of traffic laws.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$8,204.28 be appropriated from Chapter 768, Section 5, of the Acts of 1969 for the reconstruction, maintenance and repair of highways.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,734.76 from the proceeds of Chapter 768, Section 4 of the Acts of 1969 for the reconstruction of Bates Street.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$2,734.76 be appropriated from the Chapter 768, Section 4, of the Acts of 1969 for reconstruction work on Bates Street.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used for the purchase and installation of traffic signs.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the purchase and installation of traffic signs.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to replace drainage pipe on Northbridge Road.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the replacing of drainage pipes on Northbridge Road.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in three or more public places in the Town of Mendon at least seven days before said meeting; one copy thereof shall be posted on the Town Hall Building.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 23rd day of February,
A.D. 1970.

ARTHUR WIERSMA
JAMES H. GRANT
JOHN S. HOGARTH
Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:
KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Constable of Mendon

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy and
publishing as herein directed and have otherwise complied with all
the requirements of law.

Constable of Mendon

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15	North Avenue at Northbridge Road
42	Route 16 at Main Street
43	Main Street at Maple Street
44	Fire Station
45	Route 16 at Emerson
414	Sunrise Apartments

GENERAL SIGNALS

1 Blast	Noon Test
2 Blasts	All out
4 Blasts	House Call
5 Blasts	Out-of-Town
6 Blasts	Grass and Brush Fire
8 Blasts	Air Raid

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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

POLICE DEPARTMENT 473-2727

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To Report a Fire 473-3434
Fire Permits and Business 473-5330

TOWN OFFICES 473-2312

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 473-0737

STATE WELFARE OFFICE 473-2011

